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**Germany Shooting: Gunman dead, Up to 50 Injured**

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A local newspaper cited the interior ministry as saying that the gunman has been killed by police.

A gunman who reportedly opened fire in a cinema complex in the western German town of Viernheim has been shot dead after police stormed the complex, the Mannheimer Morgen newspaper reported Thursday, citing the interior minister of the state of Hesse.

Police shot the man dead after elite forces stormed the complex, the Mannheimer Morgen newspaper reported, citing the interior minister of Hesse state.

The Darmstaedter Echo said 20 to 50 people had been wounded. But Bild daily said that according to police, about 25 people were hurt because of exposure to tear gas.

Several media reported that the man had entered the cinema complex at around 3:00 p.m. local time. The Frankfurter Allgemeine said it was unclear if there was a political or ideological motive or whether it was a robbery that went wrong.