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## Gardaí Under Pressure After Brutal Dublin Knife Attack Caught on Camera

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A uniformed Garda was recently stabbed in what Irish authorities have described as an unprovoked assault in Dublin city centre. The incident, which occurred during a high-visibility patrol, resulted in non-life-threatening injuries to the officer and has raised concerns about Garda readiness and public safety protocols.

The attack took place on Capel Street at approximately 6pm during a routine Garda patrol. A man in his 20s, believed to be an Irish citizen, approached the officer from behind and

stabbed him in the upper right arm, managing to partially penetrate the protective stab—vest.

His colleague intervened quickly, using pepper spray and batons to restrain and arrest him at the scene. The injured Garda was treated in hospital and released later the same day. According to Garda press statements, the attack was random and appears to have involved no political or ideological motive.

Assistant Commissioner Paul Cleary, speaking on RTÉ's *Morning Ireland*, warned that inaccurate information spread rapidly across social platforms following the incident. He urged the public to rely only on credible news sources. Cleary commended the professionalism and quick actions of the Gardaí involved, acknowledging that assaults on officers will not be tolerated.

Internal inquiries are underway, with the Garda National Crime and Security Intelligence Service (GNCSIS) assisting in investigating the attacker's motive. Authorities have stated it could involve mental health issues, a personal grievance, or potentially ideological factors, though no formal link to terrorism has been established at this stage.

This episode comes as Dublin continues expanding its high-visibility policing strategy, with plans to deploy 174 new Garda recruits to central areas from August onwards. Assistant Commissioner Cleary emphasised that the force remains committed to public reassurance amid growing concerns over street violence.

While Ireland has recently experienced violent incidents not linked to known extremist groups, unlike neighbouring countries with larger terror threats, this case nonetheless highlights the importance of vigilance, training, and clear communication to maintain safety on the capital's streets.