
Australian PM Signals Tougher Gun Laws After Deadly Sydney Shooting



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Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has signaled that his government may move toward tougher gun laws following a deadly mass shooting at Sydney's Bondi Beach that left at least 16 people dead and dozens injured.

Speaking at a news conference on Monday, Albanese said stricter firearms regulations would be

discussed at a national Cabinet meeting later in the day. He stressed the government was prepared to take whatever action was necessary, including reviewing existing gun control measures.

Authorities said at least 16 people were killed in Sunday's shooting, including 15 victims and one of the alleged attackers. Forty-two people remain hospitalized, some in serious condition. Police confirmed the two suspected gunmen were a father and son and said no additional suspects are being sought. The father was killed at the scene, while the son remains in critical but stable condition in hospital.

Albanese said discussions on tougher gun laws would include limits on the number of firearms individuals can own or be licensed to use, along with a review of licensing arrangements over time. He emphasized that firearm licenses should not be granted indefinitely and must be subject to regular checks and balances.

New South Wales Premier Chris Minns also called for changes to gun laws to prevent similar attacks, saying new legislation may be required to restrict access to weapons with no practical place in the community.

The attack has drawn widespread condemnation from the international community.