

Shootings have Ottawa under lockdown

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A member of the Canadian Armed Forces from Hamilton, Ontario was shot to death at 9:52 a.m. this morning while on guard at the National War Memorial in downtown Ottawa. Armed with a rifle, the suspect next entered the Centre Block at Parliament Hill, where he shot and wounded another Parliamentary guard.

As shown in a video by a Globe and Mail reporter, chaos erupted in the Hall of Honour inside Parliament after an exchange in gunfire between the shooter and police. According to the numerous eyewitness accounts of the MPs' present during the shootings, the assailant was eventually shot and killed by the House of Commons Sergeant-at-Arms Kevin Vickers.

As the situation unfolds all government buildings within the City of Ottawa are currently under lockdown until further notice.