

Man, 20, chased and stabbed 10 times in latest London attack

Victim of 'vicious' assault will survive, police say

Death toll from knives in capital reached 80 in 2017

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A 20-year-old man was stabbed 10 times in a "vicious, unprovoked attack" yesterday after being chased by a group of teenagers through the streets of London, police have said, as the capital struggles to contain what some have labelled a knife crime epidemic.

The victim of the attack in Harrow,

north-west London, suffered significant blood loss but did not have life-threatening injuries, Scotland Yard said.

The incident in Eastway Crescent was the latest in a spate of stabbings across the capital, coming days after four young men, including two teenagers, were stabbed to death in unrelated attacks over the new year period. Three of the attacks took place on 31 December and one on New Year's Day.

Six men have been arrested in connection with two of the stabbings, but there have been no further updates from the Metropolitan police on additional arrests. One of the victims has been named as Kyall Parnell, 17.

On the latest incident, DS Amar Patel

said: "This was a vicious, unprovoked attack on a young male who had been enjoying an evening with friends when he was chased, ambushed and repeatedly stabbed by a group of males for an unknown reason.

"We have already spoken to lots of people in the area about the incident, but I would appeal to anyone who witnessed the attack and hasn't spoken to us about it yet to come forward. Any detail, no matter how insignificant it may seem, will help us to identify those responsible and bring them to justice."

The Metropolitan police described the suspects as a group of black males in their late teens wearing dark clothing.

The knife crime campaigner Alison

Cope, whose son Joshua Ribera was stabbed to death in 2013, told the Guardian earlier this week that the UK was facing a knife crime epidemic. She called on the government to back projects that encourage victims or their relatives to go to schools to educate young people on the impact of such violence.

The attacks on 31 December pushed the total number of fatal stabbings in London in 2017 to 80. The four new year incidents occurred within a 45-hour period at locations in north, east and south London.

The first was at 11.30am on 31 December when an 18-year-old man was stabbed in Enfield. He died in hospital that evening. At about 7.30pm, a 20-year-old man was fatally stabbed in West Ham, and at

about 10.40pm Kyall Parnell was stabbed to death in Tulse Hill. The fourth stabbing happened at 2.30am on 1 January, when a 20-year-old man was attacked at a house party in Islington. A second man in his 20s was taken to hospital with critical injuries.

Kyall's mother, Katrina, paid tribute to her son yesterday. She said: "He was loved. This shouldn't have happened... My boy was amazing, he was smart. He had potential to go places... These young boys need to stop and think, they need to look after each other. This is someone's life," she told the Evening Standard.

Five men have been arrested in connection with the Enfield killing and a 20-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of murder at the house party in Islington.

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