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**Sarah Champion  
Member of Parliament for Rotherham  
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**Statement on machete attack in Eastwood area of Rotherham**

Sarah Champion, Member of Parliament for Rotherham stated this morning: “I am profoundly saddened by the tragic events of yesterday afternoon and send my deepest condolences to the family of the deceased.

“The police are treating this as a one-off incident and the people of Eastwood should not be scared to leave their homes. We cannot let this murderer prevent us from living our lives.

“I know the police will do everything in their power to bring the perpetrator to justice for this dreadful crime. There are major investigation teams currently working on this and I can confirm that a man has already been detained, so I would ask that if you have any information, please do call the police on 01142 963014 and help all you can.

“The community spirit that is inherent in the constituency of Rotherham will not be broken and I am enormously proud that the people of Eastwood are already rallying round.”

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