

Inmate attempted to arrange hit on B.C. prison guard: BCGEU

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An inmate has been stabbed in Kamloops and another prisoner is being investigated for allegedly attempting to arrange a hit on a prison guard.

An inmate has been stabbed by another prisoner in the Kamloops Regional Correctional Centre and the jail is believed to be in a partial lockdown.

Dean Purdy of the BC Government Employees Union, which represents jail guards, says the victim was stabbed several times in the abdomen and taken to hospital.

He says the RCMP are also investigating a second incident in which another prisoner tried to arrange a hit on a guard.

Purdy says overcrowding and an increasing number of inmates with gang affiliations are spurring a rise in violence in maximum security jails in B.C.