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1) This pic published in the Daily Mail showing debris left after terrorist attack on US Capitol seems relatively unremarkable. But a man in Sweden noticed something: the red scarf at the top with the name of the northern Swedish city of Skellefteå. Then it got interesting.



Bild från förödelsen dagen efter stormningen.
Bland bråten ligger den röda halsduken kvar. Foto:
Samuel Corum/AFP

2) The man contacted his local paper, pointing out the fact that there was a scarf from a northern Swedish city of just 70,000 in the debris of the attack. The paper published the story, with the headline: "What's a Skellefteå scarf doing inside of Congress?"

Vad gör en Skelleftehalsduk inne i kongressen?

3) It turns out that, in 2017, the scarf had been offered as a Christmas gift from the city of Skellefteå to people who had moved away from the area. They were told to go to a website and order one. A total of 934 people did so, and had received the scarf.



Del av kommunens julkort till utflyttade Skellefteåbor.

4) Now, natl Swedish media picked up story, wondering if a Swede had participated in the terrorist attack in Washington. Doing a search, the paper Dagens Nyheter found pictures of the man who was wearing the scarf. The first showed him trying to force his way into the Capitol.



Mobben trycker på mot polisens kravallstaket. Mannen i halsduken är längst fram med ryggen vänd mot polisen som försöker skydda kongressbyggnaden. Foto: Alan Chin

5) After breaking through the barriers, the scarf man was later seen toward the front of the mob, waving an American flag, and no longer wearing his baseball hat...but an official police helmet and visor. Skellefteå scarf still on.

Här är bilderna på ”Skellefteå-mannen” utanför Kapitolium

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Mannen med den röda halsduken från Skellefteå står längst fram i mobben och viftar med en amerikansk flagga. Foto: Alan Chin

6) After viewing film of the event, Sweden's Dagens Nyheter newspaper revealed that the man was seen among in the group that had pulled a police officer out of the building and brutally beaten him. Let's get back to the scarf.



Mannen med halsduken står uppe på en mur vid den västra entrén på Kapitolium. Foto: Alan Chin

7) As mentioned, in 2017 the scarf had been sent out by Skellefteå as a gift to 934 people. So, the paper requested those names from the city. Of the 934, one lived in the US. They called. It was a woman who says she got socks, not a scarf. And, she has no idea who the man is.