

Danish billionaire loses three of his four children in Sri Lanka attacks



A file picture of Bestseller CEO Anders Holch Povlsen and his wife Anne Holch Povlsen

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Three of the four children of Danish billionaire Anders Holch Povlsen were killed in the Easter day attacks in Sri Lanka, a spokesman for his clothing retail group Bestseller said on Monday. Danish media reported that Holch Povlsen, his wife Anne and their four children were in Sri Lanka on vacation at the moment of the attacks.

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"I can confirm that three children have been killed," Jesper Stubkier, communications manager for Bestseller, said in a statement. "We ask you to respect the privacy of the family and we therefore have no further comments."

Considered Denmark's richest man, Holch Povlsen, 46, is the main shareholder in online fashion retailer ASOS as well as owning Bestseller. The group, with brands such as Vero Moda, Only and Jack & Jones, has more than 3,000 stores in 70 countries.