

AN ACT OF WAR

French president vows 'merciless' response, declares state of emergency; shocked Muslim world condemns Paris carnage that leaves at least 129 killed, 350 injured

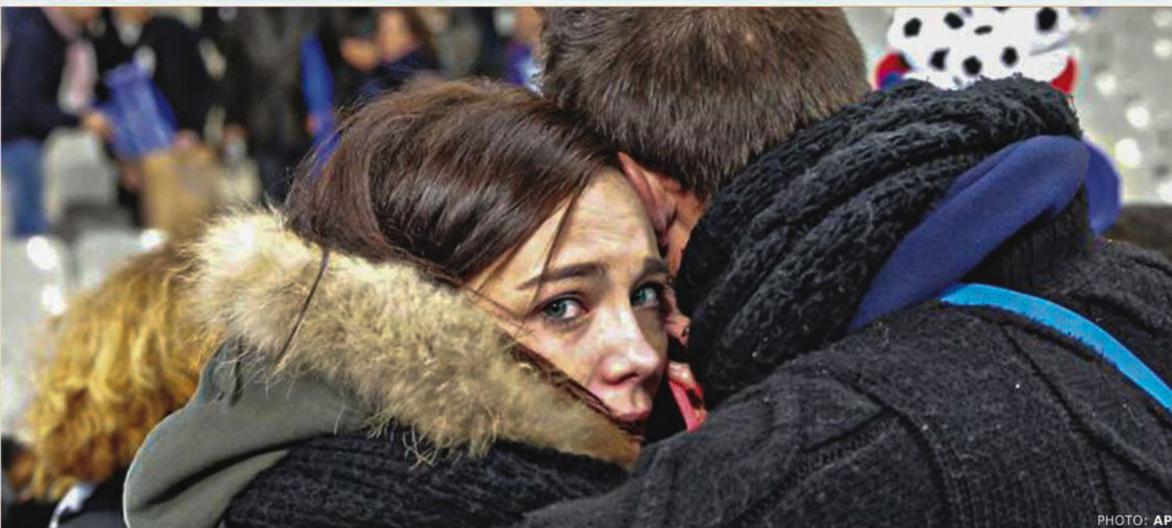


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ATTACKS ON PARIS

STADE DE FRANCE: EXPLOSIONS HEARD OUTSIDE VENUE, THREE ATTACKERS DEAD

RUE ALIBERT: AT LEAST 12 DEAD IN GUN ATTACKS

RUE DE LA FONTAINE AU ROI: AT LEAST 5 DEAD IN GUN ATTACKS

BATACLAN: STORMED BY FOUR GUNMEN, AT LEAST 87 DEAD

RUE DE CHARONNE: AT LEAST 19 DEAD IN GUN ATTACKS

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In a wave of bombings and shootings across Paris, gunmen and suicide bombers killed at least 129 people at a concert hall, restaurants and the national sports stadium yesterday, the deadliest day of attacks in France since World War II.

Eight militants, all wearing suicide vests, brought unprecedented violence to the streets of the French capital.

Armed with AK47s and shouting "Allahu Akbar", four of the group marched into a rock concert at the Bataclan venue in eastern Paris and murdered at least 87 people.

Some 42 more people were killed in five other attacks, including a double suicide bombing outside the Stade de France national stadium, where French President Francois



Francois Hollande

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'Blood everywhere'

Survivors tell of horror

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"I was on the first floor of the venue. And I was with a friend and we were in the middle of a concert listening to the music, having a good time, and then all of a sudden we heard gun shots."

Jenny Watson was on the first floor of Le Bataclan Concert Hall, listening to Eagles of Death Metal when three attackers with assault rifles entered the venue.

"They were quite high pitched; at first I thought it

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ISIS claims responsibility

Says attacks 'just the beginning of storm'

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Claiming responsibility for the assault on Paris, the Islamic State jihadist group has said the Friday's attacks are just the "beginning of the storm".

Its propaganda arm released statements in Arabic and French claiming the "blessed battle" was an act of revenge for France's

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'Attack on all of humanity'

World reacts in shock, solidarity

AFP, Washington

US President Barack Obama led a chorus of global condemnation of the wave of attacks in Paris on Friday, as nations pledged solidarity with France.

Countries such as the United States, Britain, Spain and India, which have experienced their own mass-casualty attacks, were among the first to voice their condemnation.

"It's an attack not just on the people of France. But this is an attack on all of humanity and the universal values we

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Dhaka reaches out to Paris

'Bangladeshis safe'

STAR REPORT

Bangladesh is deeply shocked by the series of terrorist attacks in Paris and has expressed solidarity with France in the fight against terrorism and violent extremism.

"Terrorists are terrorists irrespective of their colour, creed or religion and must have no place in any civilised society," said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

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