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briefIsraelis kill 2 more
Palestinians

AFP, Qalandiya

Israeli forces shot dead at least two Palestinians yesterday when heavy clashes erupted during an operation to destroy the West Bank home of an alleged attacker, the latest in a series of punitive demolitions. Violence since the start of October has killed 83 people on the Palestinian side -- including one Arab Israeli -- and 12 Israelis.

US transfers 5 Gitmo
detainees to UAE

AFP, Washington

The United States has transferred five detainees from Guantanamo Bay to the United Arab Emirates, the Pentagon said Sunday, another step in a long-delayed plan to close the controversial military prison. The move means that 107 detainees remain at Guantanamo Bay, the Pentagon said in a statement.

UN chief to visit
North Korea

BBC ONLINE

United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon will visit North Korea this week, according to South Korean news agency Yonhap. Yonhap cited a senior UN source for its claim, which the UN has declined to comment on. If it goes ahead, it will be the first visit by a UN chief to the country in more than two decades.

Boko Haram destroyed
1,000 schools last year

AFP, Geneva

Boko Haram Islamists have destroyed an estimated 1,100 schools this year in their stronghold region surrounding Lake Chad, the United Nations envoy to the area, Toby Lanzer, said yesterday. Lanzer, who became the UN envoy to central Africa's restive Sahel region in July, said the targeted schools were in Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Nigeria, the four countries most affected by the extremist uprising.

Antibiotic resistance
levels alarming: WHO

AFP, Geneva

Antibiotic resistance, which can turn common ailments into killers, has reached dangerous levels worldwide, the World Health Organization warned yesterday, saying users still know too little about how antibiotics work. Antibiotic resistance happens when bugs become immune to existing drugs, allowing minor injuries and common infections to become deadly.

World leaders back drive
for Paris climate deal

AFP, Antalya

Leaders of the world's top economies yesterday vowed to seek a deal to curb climate change at an upcoming UN conference in Paris, according to a draft statement drawn up in tough, all-night talks.

Negotiators at a Group of 20 summit in Turkey haggled into the early hours as Saudi Arabia and India initially refused to include specific goals such as limiting global warming to less than two degrees Celsius above pre-industrialised levels, sources said.



France, backed by the European Union (EU), is working furiously to make the climate talks a success and Paris officials bristled at the reluctance of some countries to include its basic objectives in the statement.

"Climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time," said the draft communique obtained by AFP before it was



A man waves a French flag as several hundred people gather to observe a minute of silence in Lyon, France, yesterday. France led a minute's silence observed around the world yesterday in memory of the victims of Paris attacks on Friday, the worst-ever terror attacks on French soil.

PHOTO:
REUTERSManhunt on for
Paris culprits

Dozens arrested in France, Belgium; 2 charged

BBC ONLINE

A total of 23 people have been arrested and dozens of weapons seized in a series of raids on suspected Islamist militants across France, officials say.

The crackdown follows multiple attacks on bars, restaurants, a concert hall and a stadium in Paris on Friday, in which 129 people were killed.

Belgian police say two people arrested on Saturday have been charged with "participating in a terrorist attack".

They were among seven people detained in Belgium at the weekend.

Five of them were later released, including Mohammed Abdeslam, the brother of two suspects - Brahim Abdeslam, killed during the attacks, and Salah Abdeslam, who is on the run.

French PM Manuel Valls said the attacks had been organised from Syria. He added that the authorities believed new terror attacks were being planned in France and other European countries.

Two more Paris attackers have been named as Ahmad al-Mohammad and Samy Amimour, along with five already identified.

As well as the attackers themselves, investigators are also reported to be focusing on a Belgian of Moroccan descent who is described as the possible mastermind of the

attacks. Abdelhamid Abaaoud, 27, lived in the Molenbeek neighbourhood of Brussels, as did two of the attackers, and is now believed to be based in Syria, where he has risen through the ranks of IS.

Police have named Brussels-born Salah Abdeslam, 26, as a key suspect, and a manhunt is under way. He was reportedly stopped by officers in the wake of the attacks while crossing into Belgium but then let go.

Belgian police carried out a raid in the Molenbeek neighbourhood, which is considered to be a heaven for jihadis, yesterday morning in an attempt to capture Salah Abdeslam, but no arrests were made.

French Police sources told news agencies that properties in the Paris suburb of Bobigny, as well as the cities of Grenoble, Toulouse and Lyon, had been targeted.

Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said 23 people had been arrested and dozens of weapons seized, including a Kalashnikov assault rifle and rocket launchers. More than 100 have been placed under house arrest.

Seven attackers died in the assault on the French capital, most of them after detonating suicide belts.

France is currently marking a second day of national mourning. A state of emergency declared by President Hollande remains in force. Thousands of extra police and troops are on the streets of Paris.



Belgian special forces police climb high on an apartment block during a raid in the Brussels suburb of Molenbeek, yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

SHOW MUST GO ON
Minister urges French people to go to cafes and concerts

France declared that the show must go on yesterday, with the public urged to go back out to bars, concerts and restaurants in defiance of the terror attacks on Paris.

Culture minister Fleur Pellerin said musicians would "never stop putting on concerts" and claimed that in the face of "barbarism... culture is our biggest shield and our artists our best weapon".

Pellerin said the government was preparing a special fund to help get live entertainment up and running again and to aid with the cost of new security measures.

"French people will not stop going to concerts and sharing these moments of joy together which bind us all together," she said.

All major concerts, including a show by the rock group U2, were cancelled in the aftermath of the attack, but Paris' two biggest venues said they planned to reopen Tuesday.

US star Prince cancelled his entire European tour -- due to include dates in Vienna, Britain, Sweden and Paris -- "in light of the tragic events", the Interconcerts ticket

company said.

"We have to turn the lights back on," Alexandre Cammas of the trendy Fooding guide told AFP, as he made a plea with Parisians to return to cafes, restaurants and entertainment venues as the city's museums and concert halls began to reopen Monday.

Almost all of those who died beyond the Bataclan were shot on cafe terraces and the French government at first urged people to stay indoors with one suspect still on the run.

With newspaper headlines proclaiming France was at war with the terrorists -- and clearly mindful of Napoleon's maxim that an "army marches on its stomach" -- the guide called on people to go out and eat and drink on Tuesday night so "that which makes FranceFrance should not be betrayed by our fears".

"Our objective is that on Tuesday evening people return to the bistros below their apartments," Cammas said after launching the Twitter hashtag #tousaubistro (Everyone to the bistro).

AFP, PARIS

Refugee passport found
at carnage spot 'fake'

AGENCIES

A man has been detained in Serbia after he was found carrying a Syrian passport matching the same details as one found near the body of one of the Paris suicide bombers.

The document also carried the details of 25-year-old Almohammad Ahmad but with a different photograph to the one found on Friday.

It raises already serious concerns that the passport used to identify one of the attackers as a "refugee terrorist" was faked.

Whether the man who blew himself up outside the Stade de France did indeed travel through Greece and Macedonia, as the passport suggests, remains unclear.

Greek authorities have said they took the passport-holder's fingerprints and photo when he was registered there on the 3 October, and it is now up to the French authorities to match them to one of the attackers' bodies.

But according to the Serbian daily Blic, the existence of the second passport with the same data means "it is likely that the two men separately purchased false Syrian passports at the same forger in Turkey".

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I ain't a terrorist

Sikh man photoshopped to look like a Paris attacker

BBC ONLINE

A Sikh man is trying to set the record straight after a doctored selfie went viral, making it seem like he was one of the Paris attackers.

Many of those using the photograph of Veerender Jabbul, including journalists, did not seem to realise the image had been digitally altered.

Veerender's original selfie shows him in a bathroom, wearing his turban. The altered image shows him wearing a vest with what appears to be explosives and his iPad has been made to look like a religious text.

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