



November 2015 Paris attacks

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The **November 2015 Paris attacks** were a series of coordinated [terrorist attacks](#) that took place on 13 November 2015 in Paris, France and the city's northern suburb, [Saint-Denis](#).^[12] Beginning at 21:16 [CET](#), three [suicide bombers](#) struck outside the [Stade de France](#) in Saint-Denis, during a football match. This was followed by several mass shootings and a suicide bombing, at cafés and restaurants. Gunmen carried out another mass shooting and took hostages at an [Eagles of Death Metal](#) concert in the [Bataclan theatre](#), leading to a stand-off with police. The attackers were shot or blew themselves up when police raided the theatre.^[13]

The attackers killed 130 people,^[3] including 90 at the Bataclan theatre.^{[14][15][16]} Another 413^[5] people were injured,^[17] almost 100 seriously.^{[6][7]} Seven of the attackers also died while the authorities continued to search for accomplices.^[4] The attacks were the deadliest in France since the [Second World War](#),^{[18][19]} and the second deadliest in the [European Union](#) since the [Madrid train bombings in 2004](#).^[20] France had been on [high alert](#) since [the January 2015 attacks](#) on [Charlie Hebdo](#) offices and a Jewish supermarket in Paris that killed 17 people and wounded 22, including civilians and police officers.^[21]

The [Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant](#) (ISIL) claimed responsibility for the attacks,^{[8][9]} saying that it was retaliation for the French [airstrikes on ISIL targets](#) in [Syria](#) and [Iraq](#).^{[10][11]} The President of France, [François Hollande](#), said the attacks were an [act of war](#) by ISIL.^{[22][23][24]} The attacks were planned in Syria and organised by [a terrorist cell based in Belgium](#).^[25] Most of the Paris attackers had French or Belgian citizenship, two were Iraqis,^{[26][27]} and some had [fought in Syria](#).^[28] Some of them had entered Europe among [the flow of migrants and refugees](#).^{[29][30]}

In response to the attacks, a three-month [state of emergency](#) was declared across the country to help fight terrorism, which involved the banning of public demonstrations, and allowing the police to carry out searches without a warrant, put anyone under house arrest without trial and block websites that encouraged acts of terrorism.^[31] On 15 November, France launched the biggest airstrike of [Opération Chammal](#), its contribution to the anti-ISIL bombing campaign, striking ISIL targets in [Raqqa](#).^[32] On 18 November, the suspected lead operative of the attacks, [Abdelhamid Abaaoud](#), was killed in [a police raid in Saint-Denis](#), along with two others.^[33]

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