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Austrian Police Arrest Two Men in Connection With Paris Terror Attacks

Suspects thought to have entered Europe with fake Syrian passports



A man in front of the Bataclan concert hall on Dec. 13, a month after the terror attacks in Paris. The two men arrested in Austria were thought to have entered Europe via Greece with other people involved in the attacks. *PHOTO: GETTY IMAGES*

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Austrian police have arrested two people suspected of being involved in the terror attacks last month in Paris, state prosecutors in Salzburg said Wednesday.

According to the prosecutors’ office, two people were arrested over the past few days at a Salzburg shelter for refugees. A spokesman declined to give the nationalities of those arrested.

A person with knowledge of the matter said one of those arrested was from Pakistan and the other from Algeria.

He said that information passed on by French intelligence helped lead to the arrests.

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traveling with fake Syrian passports, the person said. The men arrested entered Europe via the Greek island of Leros with people later involved in the Paris attacks, the person said.

“They were registered at the same time in Leros and one has to assume they were part of the same group,” he said.

Attackers carried out suicide bombings and shootings in different areas Paris on Nov. 13. One group killed 90 people at the Bataclan concert hall, while a second team of three suicide bombers blew themselves up outside the Stade de France, where a soccer match was being played. A third team opened fire on restaurants near the city center.

French and German authorities have already confirmed that fingerprints from the remains of one of the stadium bombers matched those of a man who entered Europe via Leros.

Investigators are still trying to identify all the Paris attackers and track down possible accomplices. On Tuesday, Paris prosecutors said that police had detained a 29-year-old

man as part of an investigation into the attacks.

Police have identified five of the seven suicide bombers, with the identity of two of the Stade de France bombers still unknown. Police are still hunting for Salah Abdeslam, the brother of one of the suicide bombers, who rented cars used during the attacks.

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