

## Who's who in the terrorist attacks in Paris and Brussels?

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After the arrest of Mohamed Abrin and Osama Krayem there is still no complete clarity about the network behind the attacks in Paris on November 13 and in Brussels on March 22. An attempt to outline, according to court information and media sources.



From left to right: Samy Amimour, "Ahmad al-Mohammad," Abdel Hamid Abaaoud, Salah Abdeslam, Bilal Hadfi © Belga

### The perpetrators of the attacks of 13 November in Paris

## Three men carried out an attack in concert Bataclan

**Omar Ismail Mostefai** , a Frenchman of 29, born in the Paris suburb of Evry, was known to the police as a petty criminal, but never was in jail. He was under surveillance since 2010 because he would be radicalized. He reportedly stayed in Syria.

**Samy Amimour** , a former bus driver 28, also from a Parisian suburb, was known to the court for his connections with terrorists and tried to go to Yemen. An international arrest warrant was issued against him in 2013. According to his family he left around that time to Syria.

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**Foued Aggad Mohamed**, a 23-year-old Frenchman, coming from Strasbourg, was identified almost a month after the attacks. His mother was reportedly a text message from Syria saying that her son had died "a martyr". He'd left for Syria late 2013.

## Three were responsible for shootings and explosions in the heart of Paris

**Brahim Abdeslam**, a 31-year-old Frenchman who stayed in Sint-Jans-Molenbeek, blew himself up in front of restaurant Comptoir Voltaire, after the deadly raids on bars and restaurants. He was a friend of **Abdelhamid Abaaoud**. Brahim Abdeslam had a bar in Molenbeek where was smoked cannabis according to neighbors.



Abdelhamid Abaaoud, in an undated photograph published by the IS magazine Dabiq © REUTERS

Abdelhamid Abaaoud, a 28-year-old Belgian of Moroccan origin from Molenbeek, five days after the attacks was slain during a police raid on an apartment in the Paris suburb of Saint-Denis. He would have to commit an attack in the La Defense business district. Abaaoud was initially named as the "brain" of the attacks in Paris. But the research now shows "almost certain" that two men were in direct contact with the perpetrators from Brussels. Possibly they sent the coordinated actions and she them. Abaaoud is suspected of several other attacks in France and Belgium have planned, including the foiled attacks in early 2015 in Verviers. Abaaoud gold as IS extremely active member of terror group.

**Chakib Akrouh**, a Belgian Moroccan 25 from Jean, left in 2013 and joined later by terror group IS in Syria. He was convicted in absentia in Belgium. Eventually, he blew himself up during the police raid on the apartment in Saint-Denis.

## Three were responsible for shootings and explosions in the heart of Paris

**Hadfi Bilal** , a 20-year-old Frenchman from Interlaken, blew himself up near Stade de France. Video footage of IS confirm that he was in Syria. The images show how he beheads someone.



Bilal Hadfi © AFP

In addition to the body of a second suicide bomber a Syrian passport was recovered in the name of **Ahmad al-Mohammad** . Presumably, the false passport. That seems more than two months after the attacks to be confirmed by IS, which in its propaganda magazine **Dabiq** writes that this is an Iraqi. The kamikaze was checked on the Greek island of Leros, as evidenced by his fingerprints, among the refugees who had left Syria.

The third suicide bomber was controlled at Leros, as evidenced by his fingerprints. He had a Syrian passport in the name of **Mohammad al-Mahmod** pocket. He was also to IS an Iraqi.

### Elsewhere killed or arrested

## Suspects who were killed in the raid in Saint-Denis

Apart from the already mentioned Abdelhamid Abaaoud and Chakib Akrouh was **Hasna Ait Boulahcen** identified.



Hasna Aïtboulahcen, on a Facebook photo, which was distributed by La Dernière Heure © /

This 26-year-old Frenchwoman was the niece of Abdelhamid Abaaoud. Ait Boulahcen would have helped him to go into hiding. Chakib Akrouh two months after the attacks was identified by comparing its DNA with that of his mother.

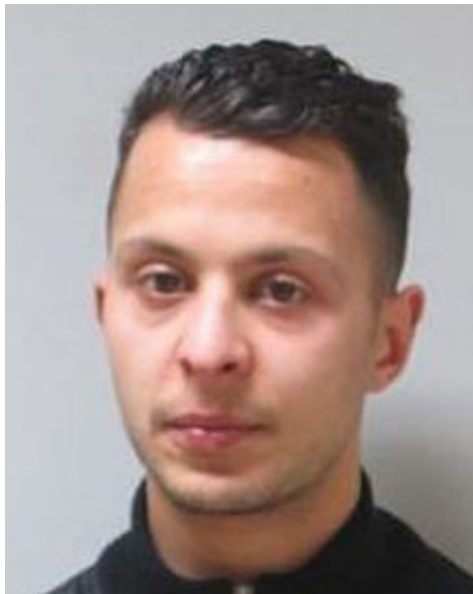
## The suspect who died in Forest

" **Samir Bouzid** " was one of two men who together with Salah Abdeslam on September 9 were checked in a vehicle on the Hungarian-Austrian border. They were in possession of forged Belgian identity cards. One of them was held by Samir Bouzid. The man was shot four days

after the attacks in Paris by surveillance cameras when he was in an office of **Western Union** collapsed 750 euros in Brussels Hasna Ait Boulahcen. It is suspected that he was directly contacted the evening of the attacks from Brussels with the perpetrators. According to the federal prosecutor perhaps the same person as **Mohamed Belkaid**, the 35-year-old Algerian who was shot dead Tuesday in the building in Forest where fingerprints of Salah Abdeslam were found.

## Suspects arrested in Molenbeek

**Salah Abdeslam**, a 26-year-old Frenchman of Sint-Jans-Molenbeek, was a fugitive since the attacks. Abdeslam probably put the car the three kamikazes off at the Stade de France. Salah Abdeslam was before the attacks also involved in the rental of hotel rooms, apartments and several cars that were used by the terrorists. One hypothesis was that he had to carry out an attack in the eighteenth arrondissement of Paris. That attack was initially claimed by IS, but never took place. Abdeslam gold just as the most wanted suspect and continued for months from the clutches of the police.



Salah Abdeslam © Belga Image

**Amine Choukri**, aka **Monir Ahmed Alaaj**, was arrested along with Salah Abdeslam in Molenbeek.

**Abid** and **Djemila Aberkan** were arrested because they Salah Abdeslam and "Amine Choukri" shelter would have afforded in Molenbeek. They were therefore under suspicion for hiding criminals. For Abid Aberkan there is participation in the activities of a terrorist group by.

## Attacks Brussels on March 22

## Offenders who blew

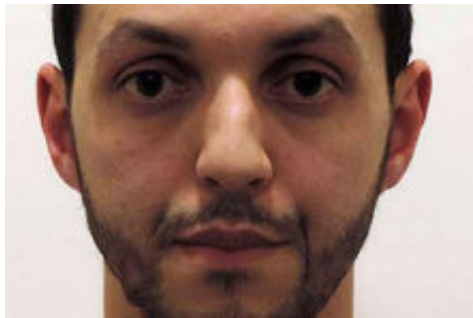
**Khalid El Bakraoui** (27) blew himself up in the Maelbeek metro station. The felony from Brussels had prepared with the attacks in Paris, including rent a safe house in Charleroi that would be used as the last base of the perpetrators, and the safe house in Forest.

**Ibrahim El Bakraoui** (29), brother of Khalid El Bakraoui, blew himself up in the airport of Zaventem. The oldest El Bakraoui was sentenced in 2010 to 10 years in prison after he and two companions after a robbery opened fire on the police. Ibrahim El Bakraoui which conditionally released in 2014, was arrested by the Turkish police in June 2015 on the Syrian-Turkish border and sent back to the Netherlands, but there he was not arrested by dysfunctions in the security services.

Also **Najim Laachraoui** (24) blew himself up in the departures hall at Zaventem. He was until then known under the assumed name "Soufiane Kayal," about whom an investigative report was circulated, and suspected that perhaps he was also in touch during the attacks in Paris with the perpetrators from Brussels. The DNA of Najim Laachraoui who had gone to Syria in 2013, was found on bomb belts used in the attacks in Paris, suggesting that he was the bomb maker of the cell.

## Five suspects arrested in Laeken and Anderlecht on April 8

**Abrini Mohamed** , a 30-year-old Belgian Moroccan who was arrested in Anderlecht, was wanted since the attacks in Paris, partly because he was filmed two days before the attacks along with Salah Abdeslam in a gas station on the way to Paris. There are still investigating whether he was the "man with the hat", which was filmed on surveillance images from Zaventem airport shortly before his two accomplices are inflated. The man left in the departure his luggage, which the heaviest load of explosives was found to contain afterwards, but in the end only exploded when everyone was evacuated.

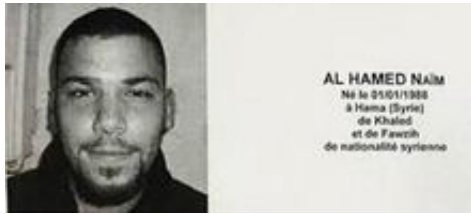


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Together with Mohamed Abrini two suspects were arrested whose identity is still unknown. Their exact role is still unclear.

**Osama Krayem** , a 23-year-old came from Malmö was, according to a private Facebook message yet in Syria in January 2015. It is investigated whether he is the one who filmed was committed in subway station Pétillon shortly before the attack in Maalbeek, while volatile exchanged a few words with **Khalid El Bakraoui** for who blew himself up. The man, who was arrested in Laeken, was known under the false identity "Naim Al Hamed," and came under that identity as Syrian refugees over Greece within Europe.





Naim al Hamed, an investigative report which went to European intelligence © /

Together with Osama Krayem was **Hervé BM** arrested. His exact role is still unclear.

**other suspects**

## Suspects were arrested earlier in Belgium

**Mohammed Amri** (27) was arrested on November 14 in Molenbeek, after he had spent Salah Abdeslam from Paris to Brussels. **Hamza Attouh** (21) would be accompanied Mohammed Amri when he went to pick up in Paris Salah Abdeslam. It is Attouh who said Salah Abdeslam in Laeken deposited. He was indicted for similar offenses Mohammed Amri. **Lazez A.**, a 39-year-old Moroccan from Jette, was arrested on November 19 in a series of raids. In his vehicle two small arms and traces of blood were found. He is suspected that he Salah Abdeslam would have carried through Brussels on 14 November or thereafter.

**Oulkadi Ali**, a 31-year-old Frenchman of Sint-Jans-Molenbeek, was arrested during the large-scale police operations on Sunday 22 and Monday, November 23 in Brussels and Liege. He would Salah Abdeslam Saturday picked up after the attacks in Laeken, after he was deposed by Attou Hamza and Mohammed Amri. He spent Salah Abdeslam own words to Schaerbeek. A second man arrested was detained during the major police operations Sunday 22 and Monday, November 23 in Brussels and Liege. **Abdeilah C.** (30), allegedly a friend of Mohamed Abrini was under suspicion for terrorist killings and participation in the activities of a terrorist group. Salah Abdeslam would have included the attacks in Paris the evening contact with a prisoner in the prison of Namur who had C.'s mobile number. Perhaps he hoped that C. could help him with a new identity. **Mohamed Bakkali**, a 28-year-old man, was arrested for terrorist killings and participation in the activities of a terrorist group. He was arrested in Brussels on 26 November. A BMW that he hired, was seen in the immediate vicinity of two safe houses where the attacks were prepared in Paris, Charleroi and Auvelais. Mohamed Bakkali would under a false name also hired a third safe house in Schaerbeek, where among other DNA material from Salah Abdeslam was found. The police also took with him a video in which a head of the Nuclear Research Centre in Mol was spying.

**Abdoullah C.**, a 30-year-old, was arrested on December 22 during a search in Brussels. That same day he was arrested for terrorist killings and participation in the activities of a terrorist group. The court suspects that he had several occasions to contact Hasna Ait Boulahcen in the period between the attacks in Paris and the police raid in Saint-Denis.

The police arrested **Zakaria J.** (30) on January 20 on a search of the Gentsesteenweg in Molenbeek-Saint-Jean. He was under suspicion for terrorist killings and participation in the activities of a terrorist group. Zakaria J. would be to acquaintances belonging to Abdelhamid Abaaoud, but it is unclear what exactly made him dependent on and what would have been his precise role in the attacks.

## Suspects were arrested in France

**Bendaoud Jawad** was arrested after the police raid in Saint-Denis. He gave Abdelhamid Abaaoud and his companions shelter. Just before he was arrested, the man told the media that he did not know he had to do with terrorists. He is being prosecuted for terrorism-related offenses.

**Mohamed S.**, a 25-year-old man, was arrested on 1 December. The court put him under suspicion of criminal conspiracy in relation to terrorism. The man is a friend of Jawad Bendaoud. Mohamed S. would have brought him into contact with Hasna Ait Boulahcen.

## Suspects arrested in Brussels secondary research attacks

**Yassin Attar**, **Mohammed B.** and **Abou Baker O.** were arrested on Sunday, March 27 raids in Brussels, Mechelen and Duffel. Although the prosecutor's office refused to comment, the three were among the acquaintance of the brothers El Bakraoui. So Yassin Attar a cousin of the brothers, and he is also mentioned in the will of Ibrahim El Bakraoui, which was found in a trash can near the apartment at the Max Roosstraat in Schaerbeek, where the brothers were hiding.

## Suspect arrested in Turkey

Turkish police picked up the Belgian of Moroccan origin **Ahmed Dahmani** on November 21 in a luxury hotel in Antalya, Turkey. He is believed to have carried out preparatory work for the suspected attacks in Paris. Dahmani would have explored the targets. In its vicinity, two Syrians were arrested, they would be sent to the IS by Belgrade to help cross the border.

## Suspect arrested in Morocco

**Gelel Attar**, a Moroccan Belgian of 26 years, was arrested in Casablanca on January 15. It is unclear what the precise link with the attacks. Attar was convicted in absentia in July 2015 to a prison sentence of 5 years to participate in the activities of a terrorist group by the same process where Abdelhamid Abaaoud and Chakib Akrouh stood trial. Akrouh and Attar left together to Syria but did not stay long. He returned in May 2013 already returned to Belgium and in July 2013 he left for Morocco. Attar was transmitted internationally.

## Suspect arrested in Algeria

**Zouhir M.**, a 29-year-old Algerian, was arrested on February 23 in Algeria. According to local media, he is an acquaintance of Abdelhamid Abaaoud. He would have come to live in Belgium in 2014, and with a Belgian married. Reportedly he was domiciled in Saint-Gilles. The man was arrested "for his possible involvement in terrorist activities and his possible participation in an (active) terrorist group abroad". Zouhir M. would be filmed next Abaaoud in a 4x4 in Syria, reports local media, but the man himself denies.

## Suspect arrested in Italy

**Jamal Eddine Ouali** , a 40-year-old Algerian, was arrested on March 26 in Italy. According to the Italian news agency Ansa might Djamel Eddine Ouali false papers are delivered to Salah Abdeslam, and Mohamed Najim Laachraoui Belkaid. Belgium had a European arrest warrant issued against him.

## Possible fugitive suspect

The Belgian Malian Yoni Mayne would appear on a list under the European security services in connection with the attacks in Paris and Brussels. Yoni Mayne would have appeared on the radar of Western security as he would have traveled to Syria with Abdelhamid Abaaoud and his thirteen year old brother. IS fighters tweeted in March 2014 a notice about his death, but may put in scene.

## Voices that claimed the attacks

**Fabien Clain** , a French jihadist 37, the audio message in which he claims took in the name of IS the attacks of Paris. His brother **Jean-Michel** was identified as the singer told in the message.

**Lotfi Aoumeur** , **Tarik Jadaoun** and **Mohammed AF** The first two are Syrian fighters from Verviers, the third is from Mechelen. They demanded the attacks in Brussels in an IS propaganda video and uttered threats. Ex-military Lotfi Aoumeur and Tarik Jadaoun, whose name appears on a list leaked IS, Belgium threatened earlier.

**Hicham Chaib** is the former bodyguard of **Fouad Belkacem** , the up to 15 years in prison sentenced a leader of the terrorist group **Sharia4Belgium** . Chaib also was sentenced in absentia to 15 years, but he was drawn into Syria at the time of the trial. Chaib, currently head of the religious police of IS, the attacks in Belgium also claimed in a propaganda video.

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