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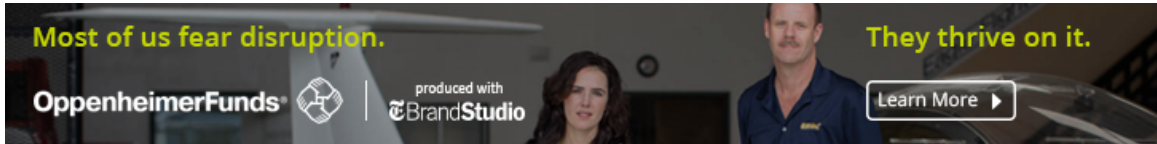
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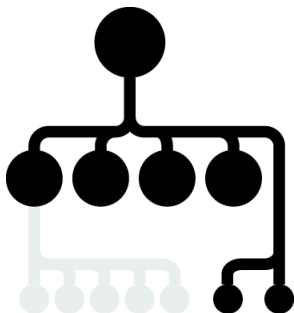
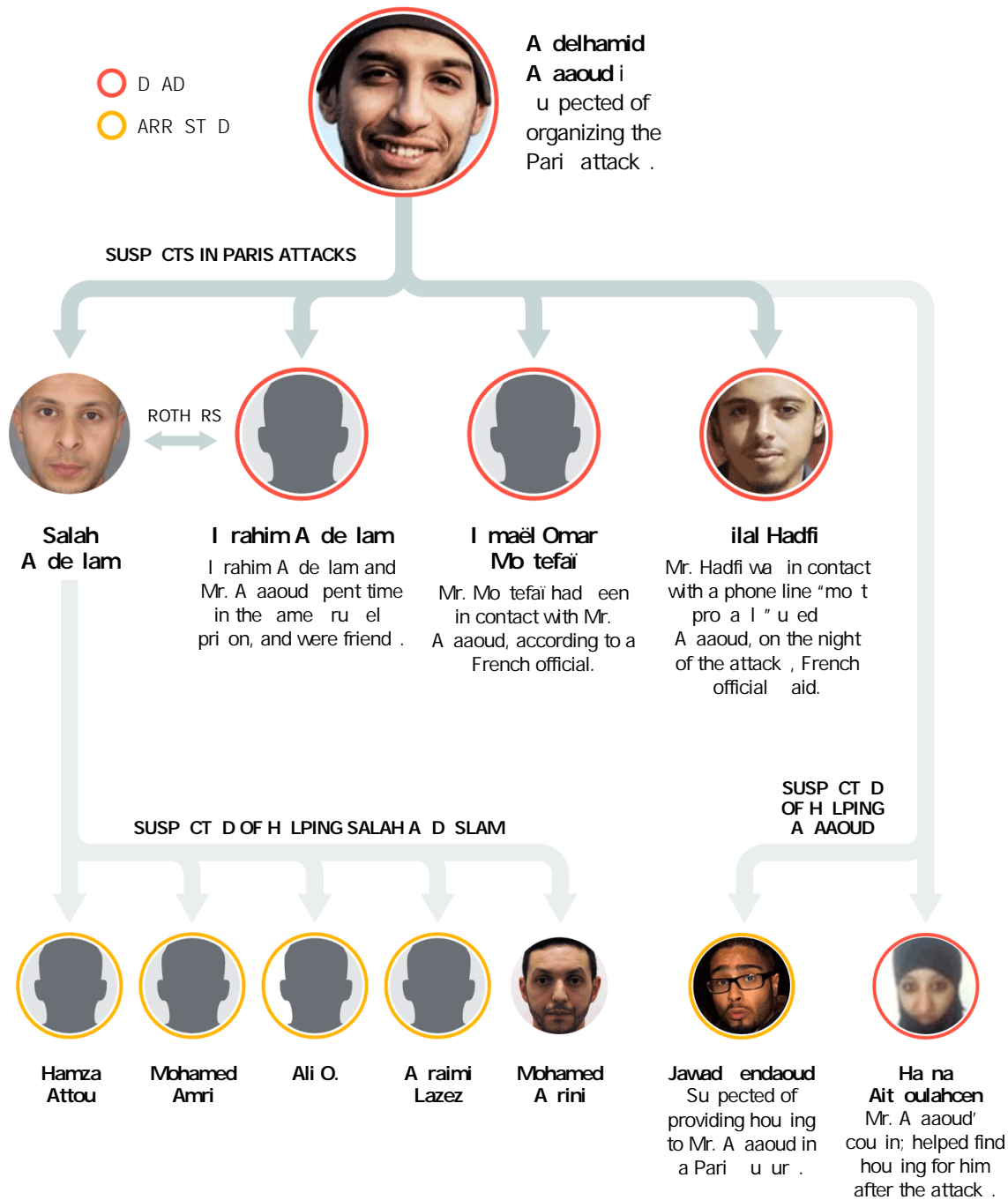
The Expanding Web of Connections Among the Paris Attackers

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The French and Belgian authorities have established a growing list of individuals suspected of participating in the Islamic State's terrorist attacks in Paris on Nov. 13. Of the 10 assailants directly involved in the attacks, one remains at large.

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Known Connection Among Suspect



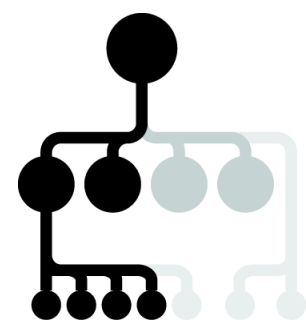
Connection to the Organizer of the Attack

A delhamid A aaoud is suspected of being a leader of a branch of the Islamic State in Syria called Katibat al-Battar al Libi, which has its origins in Libya. **ilal Hadfi** was in contact through Facebook with members of the branch and is thought to have linked arms with Mr. Abaaoud in Syria.

I rahim and Salah A de lam, who are brothers, lived near Mr. Abaaoud in Molenbeek, a district in Brussels known as a haven for extremists.

I maël Omar Mo tefai had been in contact with Mr. Abaaoud, according to a French official.

Ha na Ait oulahcen, Mr. Abaaoud's cousin, and **Jawad endaoud** are suspected of helping



The Molenbeek Connection

Abdelhamid Abaaoud and Ibrahim Abdeslam spent time in the same Brussels prison and were friends.


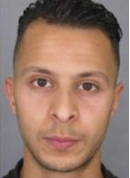








Mr. Abaaoud, the Abdeslam brothers, Hamza Attou and Mohamed Amri spent time together at a neighborhood bar. After the attacks, Salah Abdeslam asked Mr. Attou and Mr. Amri to drive him back to Brussels. Ali O. and A. Raimi Lazez, who are also suspected of helping Salah Abdeslam flee after the attacks, also lived in Molenbeek.

Other plot linked to Molenbeek

Amed Coulibaly, who was involved in the Charlie Hebdo attack, is believed to have bought weapons there.

Mehdi Nemmouche, a Frenchman who targeted Jews at a Brussels museum in 2014, killing four, also bought weapons there.

Ahmed El Khazzani, a Moroccan who tried to attack passengers on a high-speed train between Brussels and Paris in August, is thought to have lived there.

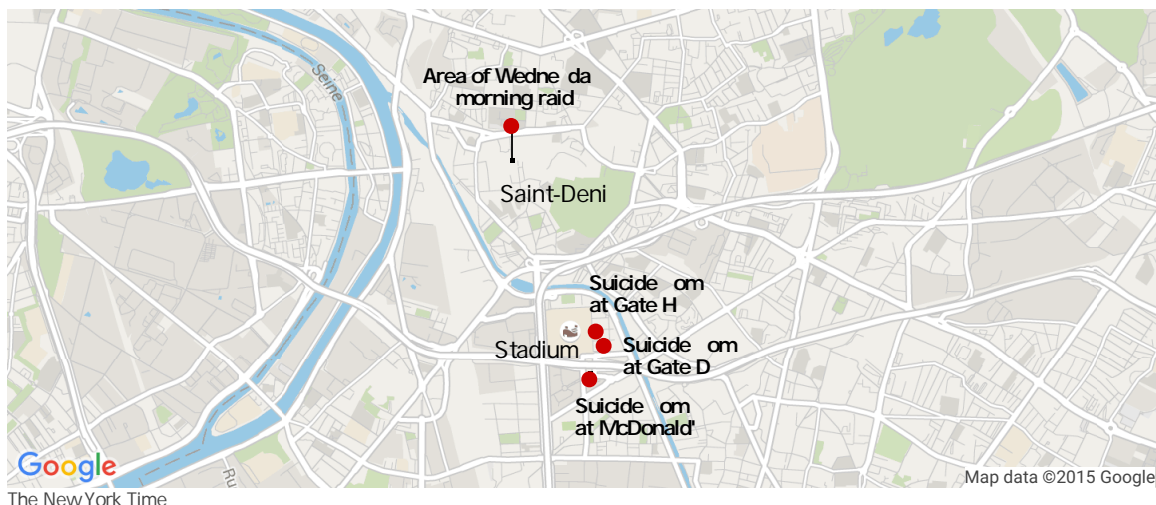
	CHARLIE HEBDO PLANNERS	SUSPECT	STADIUM ATTACKERS			ATACLAN ATTACKERS			RESTAURANT ATTACKERS	
										
	Abdelhamid Abaaoud, 28	Salah Abdeslam, 26	Name unknown*	Name unknown*	Ilal Hadfi, 20	Imad Omar Moctar, 29	Sam Ammour, 28	Unidentified	Ibrahim Abdeslam, 31	Unidentified
Status	Dead	At large	Dead	Dead	Dead	Dead	Dead	Dead	Dead	Dead
Nationality	Belgian	French (living in Belgium)			French (living in Belgium)	French	French		French (living in Belgium)	
Known connection to chief planner	—	✓				✓			✓	
Believed to have visited Syria	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	
Committed previous crime	✓	✓				✓	✓		✓	

Previous
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expected



*The two men entered Europe via Greece in October – evidently preparing themselves as Syrian migrants. The first pictured man had been carrying a passport that identified him as Ahmad al-Mohammad, from Idlib, Syria, but the French authorities said the passport may have been stolen.

Top Suspect Killed in Police Raid



French police raided an apartment early on Nov. 18 in the northern Paris suburb of St.-Denis, a few miles from where the suicide bomb attacks at the Stade de France took place. Three people died, including **Abdelhamid Abdelbaki Abaaoud**, a 28-year-old Belgian man who is suspected of planning the Paris attacks, and his 26-year-old cousin **Hamza Ait Boulahcen**. A French prosecutor said Mr. Abaaoud and an unidentified man who died during the raid might have participated in the series of attacks outside four restaurants.

Intelligence officials in both France and the United States had previously said they believed Mr. Abaaoud was in Syria. He has fought for the Islamic State in Syria and has been prominently featured in Islamic State propaganda. According to a European official, he was a target of Western airstrikes in Syria as recently as last month.

Mr. Abaaoud has also been linked to several other plots, including a foiled plot in January in eastern Belgium, in which two of his associates died; a plot in April to attack a church in a Paris suburb; and an attack in August aboard a high-speed train heading to Paris.

Raid in French and Belgian Dragnet

On Nov. 19, several police raids were held in the Brussels area, many of them targeting friends and relatives of Bilal Hadfi, one of the stadium bombers. Nine people were detained, and seven have since been released.

The police led 414 raids across France over the three nights early in the week, Bernard Cazeneuve, the French interior minister, said in a statement on Nov. 18. Sixty people were arrested and detained, and 75 weapons were seized. The statement added that 118 people were put under house arrest.

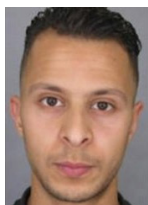
Two were also arrested and charged in Brussels on Saturday in connection with the attacks.

A Neighborhood in Brussels Was Home to Several Linked to the Attack



Molenbeek, [well known as a haven for extremists](#), was also the base for **Mr. Aaoud** and **Salah** and **Ibrahim A de lam**, two brothers connected with the attacks. The three lived close to the district's main police station and would hang out at a neighborhood bar that was at one time owned by Ibrahim and became known as a local drug den.

Hamza Attou and **Mohamed Amri**, who were arrested Nov. 17 in connection with the attacks, also hung out at the bar.



Salah Abdeslam

Two Brothers Are Linked to the Attack

The French authorities are investigating the role of two brothers who lived in the Molenbeek neighborhood of Brussels. **Ibrahim A de lam** died in the Paris attacks, and **Salah A de lam** is being sought. The two used to hang out with **Mr. Aaoud** at a neighborhood bar.

A third brother, Mohamed, was detained on Nov. 14 but released two days later and is not believed to have been involved.

Salah A de lam, 26

The one known fugitive of the attacks, he remains at large despite an intense manhunt that has stretched across France, Belgium and Germany. Officials say one hypothesis is that he dropped off the three suicide bombers at Stade de France.

The morning after the attacks, Mr. Abdeslam and two other men went through a roadside check in Cambrai, France, on the way to Belgium. Later that afternoon in Molenbeek, the car was seized and Mr. Abdeslam's two companions, **Hamza Attou**, 21, and **Mohamed Amri**, 27, were arrested.

I rahim A de lam, 31

A map of the Paris 2015 Olympic Stadium area. The stadium is a large green oval. To its right is Avenue de la Fosse aux Loups. Further right is the Seine river. Three red dots indicate suicide bombing locations: one at Gate H, one at Gate D, and one at McDonald's. Labels include 'Autoparc du Nord', 'Rue Henri-Delaunay', 'Avenue de la Fosse aux Loups', 'Danielle Casanova', 'Stadium', 'Suicide om at Gate H', 'Suicide om at Gate D', 'Suicide om at McDonald', 'Rue de Grenier', and 'Google'. A scale bar shows 200 m.

Gate D om er

The attacker was carrying a passport for a 25-year-old named **Ahmad al-Mohammad** from Idlib, Syria. The passport had been used by a man posing as a migrant who passed through the Greek island of Leros on Oct. 3 and Presevo, Serbia, on Oct. 7. The French authorities believe that the passport may have been stolen, and the French police asked the public on Tuesday for help in identifying the man, using a photo from an identity document that was issued in Greece.

Gate H om er

The unidentified second attacker at the stadium detonated his explosives at 9:30 p.m. on Rue Rimet, near Gate H of the stadium. No one else was reported killed. Officials reported on Friday that fingerprints matching the bomber were taken at a check for migrants in Greece on Oct. 3. Fingerprints for the Gate D bomber were taken during the same check. On Nov. 22, the French National Police [posted on Twitter](#) a picture without a name, and asked anyone who had information on the person to contact the authorities.

ilal Hadfi, 20

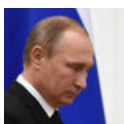
The third attacker, identified as Bilal Hadfi, a 20-year-old French citizen living in Belgium, detonated his explosives at 9:53 p.m. on Rue de la Cokerie, just outside of a McDonald's restaurant about 300 meters from the stadium. No one else was reported killed.



France, 2 Weeks After Paris Attacks, Observes National Day of Mourning

Puris Attacks, Observes National Day of Mourning
Puris had a lot to say about how you should display this year's Independence Day. He called on Facebook to attack the West, saying: "Those dogs are attacking our civilians everywhere. Strike them in their community of pigs so they can't feel safe again in their own dreams."

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Turkey Seeks to Ease Tensions Over Shooting Down of Russian Jet

Three men with assault rifles attacked people during a concert at the Bataclan music hall and rounded up survivors as hostages. Police entered the hall at 12:30 a.m. One attacker's suicide vest detonated when he was shot by police, while the other two attackers detonated

their vests on their own. A total of 89 people were killed at the hall.

Ismaël Omar Mostefaï, 29

One of the concert hall attackers has been identified as Ismaël Omar Mostefaï, a 29-year-old French citizen with a history of criminal activity who was known to the authorities as someone who had radical Islamist beliefs. Six of his relatives were detained by authorities for questioning.

According to an official, he was in contact with Mr. Abaaoud, who is suspected of being an organizer behind the attacks. Mr. Mostefaï reportedly entered Turkey in 2013 but "there is no record of him leaving the country."

Kremlin Cutting Economic Links With the Turks

Samy Amimour, 28

Samy Amimour was born in Paris and lived in a suburb, according to the French prosecutor's office. He had been previously charged with terrorist conspiracy, and in December 2014, the French newspaper Le Monde [published an article](#) about how his father had traveled to Syria to try to bring him back (he was not named at the time).

Paris Attacks Have Many in France Eager to Join the Fight

Third Attacker

Unidentified.

What We Know

The attackers arrived at the Bataclan in a gray Volkswagen Polo and abandoned the car nearby. The car was rented by **Salah A de lam** in Belgium.

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On High Alert Since Paris Attacks, French Gear Up for Climate Talks

Gunmen using Kalashnikov-type assault rifles killed 39 people in three separate shootings outside restaurants in central Paris, leaving behind hundreds of 7.62 mm cartridge cases. A suicide bomber detonated his explosives inside another restaurant in the area.

Gunmen

An unknown number of gunmen in a black Seat León attacked three locations between 9:25 p.m. and 9:40 p.m.

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Ibrahim Abdeslam, 31

At 9:40 p.m., a suicide bomber identified as Ibrahim Abdeslam, a 31-year-old French citizen living in Belgium, detonated a vest identical to the ones used near the stadium inside a restaurant a mile from the where the last round of restaurant shootings occurred. No one else was reported killed in the explosion. It is unclear if the bomber had been in the car with the gunmen.

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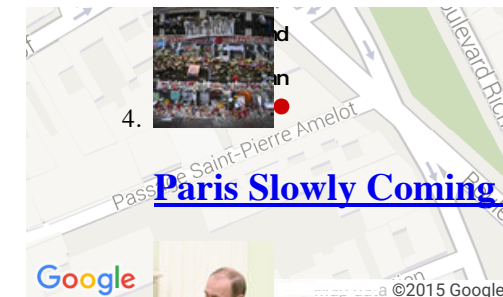
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Mr. Abdeslam had about one hour to stand trial for his role in the attacks with Mr. Abaaoud, according to sources who received confirmation from Belgian authorities.

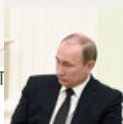
What We Know

A black Seat León used as the gunmen's getaway car was found on Nov. 15 morning in Montreuil, an eastern Paris suburb. The car, which contained three Kalashnikov rifles, was rented in Belgium last week by **Ibrahim A de lam**. Mr. Abaaoud and a third unidentified man are also suspected of participating in the restaurant attacks.

Belgium Lowers Terror Attack Alert Level for Brussels



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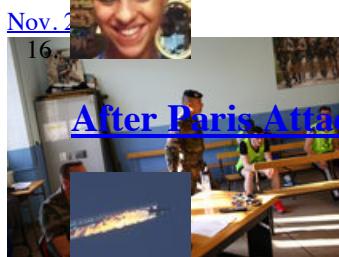
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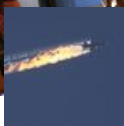


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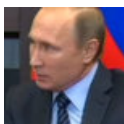
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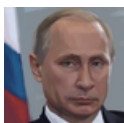
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