

## Third Bataclan attacker identified as French jihadist who fought in Syria

Father of Foued Mohamed-Aggad said if he had known his son was going to return to carry out mass slaughter, he would have killed him himself



Foued Mohamed-Aggad

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A French jihadist who fought in Syria has been identified as a third Paris attacker, as his father said that if he had known of his son's plans he would have killed him himself.

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Foued Mohamed-Aggad was named on Wednesday, more than three weeks after the coordinated assaults that killed 130 people, as the third attacker at the Bataclan rock venue where 90 people died when Islamist gunmen burst in during a concert.

His father, Said, said that he knew his son had been radicalised and was dangerous but that he thought he “would die in Syria or Iraq, but not that he would return to do that”.

“If I had known that one day he would do something like that, I would have killed him before,” he told reporters outside his home in in Bischheim, a suburb of Strasbourg.

He said he only found out on Wednesday, with the rest of the nation when the news broke, of his 23-year-old son’s involvement.

His estranged wife first suspected it last week when she received a text message from a Syrian number saying her son had died a "martyr" in Paris.

She then contacted police who took DNA samples from the family and late last week were able to confirm his participation in the massacre claimed by Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Isil).

The family’s lawyer, Françoise Cotta, said Mohamed-Aggad had told his family months ago that he was going to be a suicide bomber in Iraq and had no

intention of returning to France.

Mohamed-Aggad was known to police for being radicalised, a judicial source said, and either slipped under the radar to travel back to France from Syria or travelled on false ID papers.

Abdelhamid Abaaoud, the suspected planner of the Paris attacks who was later killed in a police raid, mocked European frontier controls and boasted of the ease with which he could move between Syria to his Belgian homeland and the rest of Europe

Mohamed-Aggad had travelled to war-torn Syria with his brother and a group of friends from Strasbourg at the end of 2013.

Two of the group are believed to have died there. Seven of the others, including his older brother Karim, were arrested in Strasbourg on their return in May last year and are all in custody on terrorist charges.

They told investigators they had returned home because they were disgusted by what they had seen in Syria.

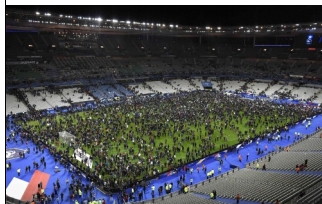
## Paris attacks: how events unfolded



Friday 13th November 2015. Times quoted refer to GMT.

**8.20pm**

### First explosion



SPECTATORS GATHER ON THE PITCH OF THE STADE DE FRANCE. PHOTO: AFP

The first explosion went off near the Stade de France, where president Francois Hollande was at a football match between France and Germany. One person was killed in the blast. The body of a terrorist was found at the scene wearing a suicide belt filled with shrapnel.

**8.25pm**

### Attack at Le Carillon and Le Petit Cambodge



SERVICE PERSONNEL WORKING OUTSIDE THE RESTAURANT. PHOTO: REUTERS

Shortly after the first explosion at the Stade de France, gunmen with Kalashnikovs launched an attack at Le Carillon bar and Le Petit Cambodge restaurant on Rue Bichat, in the city's 10th arrondissement, killing 15 people and injuring 10.

**8.30pm**

### Gunfire at Casa Nostra

The attackers drove about 500 yards to the Casa Nostra pizzeria in Rue de la Fontaine au Roi and opened fire on diners on the terrace of the restaurant, killing at least five people and injuring eight.

**8.30pm**

### Stade de France - second explosion

Another explosion went off outside the Stade de France when a second suicide bomber blew himself up.

**8.35pm**

### Attack on La Belle Equipe



FORENSIC POLICE SEARCH FOR EVIDENCES OUTSIDE LA BELLE EQUIPE. PHOTO: GETTY

Militants launched an attack on La

**8.50pm**

### Gunfire at Le Bataclan



WOUNDED PEOPLE ARE EVACUATED OUTSIDE THE BATACLAN THEATRE. PHOTO: EPA

Belle Equipe in Rue de Charonne, spraying the terrace bar with bullets and killing 19 people in gunfire which witnesses say lasted "two, three minutes".

**8.53pm**

### **Stade de France - third explosion**

A third suicide bomber blew himself up on Rue de la Coquerie, near the Stade de France.

**9.57pm**

### **David Cameron 'shocked'**

Prime Minister David Cameron said on Twitter: "I am shocked by events in Paris tonight. Our thoughts and prayers are with the French people. We will do whatever we can to help."

**10.00pm**

### **French borders shut down**



PRESIDENT HOLLANDE

An emotional French president Francois Hollande, who was earlier evacuated from the Stade de France, closed the borders and declared a state of national emergency. The French military were called into the centre of Paris.

**10.30pm**

### **#PorteOuverte**

Parisians used the #PorteOuverte hashtag to search for or offer safe places for those fleeing the violence. The hashtag was soon trending.

**11.30pm**

### **Free taxi rides in Paris**

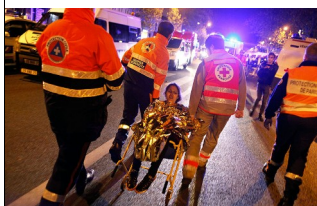
Reports emerged of French taxi drivers turning off their meters and offering passengers free rides home. A citywide curfew was put in place, the first since 1944.

**11.30pm**

Three black-clad gunmen wielding AK-47s and wearing suicide vests stormed Le Bataclan during a concert by American rock band Eagles Of Death Metal. At least 89 were killed and more than 100 others injured during the shooting. The attackers were heard mentioning Syria and Iraq during the massacre.

**9.00pm**

### **Hostage crisis at Le Bataclan**



A WOMAN IS EVACUATED OUTSIDE THE BATACLAN. PHOTO: AP

The first reports came in of the Bataclan massacre and within 10 minutes there was confirmation that a hostage crisis had developed at the theatre.

**10.28pm**

### **Plan Rouge activated**



POLICE OFFICERS GATHER OUTSIDE THE BATACLAN CONCERT VENUE IN PARIS. PHOTO: EPA

French emergency services activated Plan Rouge to tackle the large numbers of casualties.

**10.43pm**

### **Death toll: 43 dead**

**10.46pm**

### **Obama speech**

President Obama delivered a speech at the White House, expressing solidarity with the people of Paris and calling the attacks terrorist acts. "Those who think that they can terrorise the people of France or the values that they stand for are wrong.

"We are reminded in this time of tragedy that the bonds of liberte, egalite, fraternite, are not just the values French people share, but we share.

### End of Bataclan siege



PEOPLE RECEIVE MEDICAL ATTENTION AFTER BEING EVACUATED FROM THE BATACLAN THEATRE. PHOTO: AP

Police stormed the Bataclan, ending the siege. Two terrorists died after activating their suicide vests and a third was shot dead by officers.

"Those go far beyond any act of terrorism or the hateful vision of those who perpetrated the crimes this evening."

### Final death toll: 130



A WOMAN SPENDS A MOMENT IN SILENCE IN FRONT OF A POP-UP MEMORIAL. PHOTO: GETTY

130 people ultimately lost their lives as a result of the brutal attacks.

But Mohamed-Aggad stayed on in Syria, where he reportedly had been joined by his wife, until he headed back to France to take part in the Paris attacks on November 13, the police source said.

Le Parisien newspaper said that his mother had sent him money to pay off somebody in Syria so that he could leave the country and return to France.

The two other attackers involved in the massacre of the concert-goers at the Bataclan - Omar Ismail Mostefai, 29, and 28-year-old former Paris bus driver Samy Amimour - had also been in Syria.

The news of Mohamed-Aggad's involvement was further confirmation that the Paris attacks were carried out largely, if not entirely, by Europeans trained by Isil in Syria.

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