

Attacks of November 13: Gelel Attar, near Abaaoud, arrested in Morocco

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The man arrested last week in [Morocco](#) was identified. This is Gelel Attar, near at least two actors of attacks in [Paris](#) and [Saint-Denis](#), [confirmed sources close to the investigation](#) in the World. It is close to Abdelhamid Abaaoud, the alleged mastermind behind the terrorist attacks, but also Chakib Akrouh, one of the killers terraces, death by activating his explosive belt in an apartment in Saint-Denis (Seine-Saint Denis), during the assault on law enforcement, November 18.

Monday, January 18 in the afternoon, the Ministry of the Interior of Morocco had announced [having](#) arrested last week in Morocco, a Belgian of Moroccan origin "*directly linked*" to certain perpetrators of the November 13.

Presented January 20 to justice

The Ministry assured that the man fought in [Syria](#) in the ranks of Al-Nosra Front, the Syrian branch of the network [Al Qaeda](#), before [joining](#) the organization [Islamic state](#) (EI). According to the Moroccan investigation, he traveled to Syria with one of the suicide bombers who have made [explode](#) in Saint-Denis.

During his stay in Syria, he trained in handling weapons and established links with commanders of IE, including "*the [brain](#) of the terrorist attacks in the capital*" French, according to the text. The man then left Syria for [Turkey](#) and then went to [Germany](#) and [Belgium](#) before arriving in Morocco via the Netherlands. The accused will be presented before the [court](#) by the end of the investigation, the statement said.

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