

When Turnbull met the Queen



2:02 AMAAP and Network Writers AUSTRALIAN Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, an avowed republican, has met Queen Elizabeth II for the first time at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Malta.

Majority verdict likely in Cairns trial



THE jury in Chris Cairns's London trial looks set to return a majority verdict.

Queen opens CHOGM in Malta



1:47 AMBy Lloyd Jones, AAP Europe Correspondent THE Queen has officially opened the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Malta in front of 53 representatives from across the world grouping.

Suspect in 9-year-old's murder arrested



0:59 AMAFP and Network Writers POLICE have made an arrest in connection with the 'unspeakable murder' of 9-year-old Tyshawn Lee, who was lured into an alley and shot.

'Killer' cop in for 'brutal' weekend



0:00 AMMarnie O'Neill LIFE is about to get ugly for the white officer charged with black teen Laquan McDonald's murder as he braces for his first weekend in jail.

Kicking ambitious AFL goals in Europe



0:00 AM **CHARLES MIRANDA** in London MEGAN Hession is first to admit she is an accidental executive of AFL Europe. But she's wasting no time to lead from the front with an ambitious agenda.

Amsterdam lit up for MH17 victims



0:00 AM **CHARLES MIRANDA** in London A FOREST of illuminated trees and sunflowers will be planted close to Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport to honour the 298 victims lost in the MH17 disaster.

AIDS is 'biggest killer of African teens'



23:56 PM **AP and Network writers** AIDS is the leading cause of death for African teenagers and the second most common killer for adolescents worldwide, UNICEF has claimed.

Latest In world

Paris terror attacks: France, Russia ramp up bombing campaign against Islamic State in Syria

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Large scale operation ... heavily-armed military officers at the scene of the dawn raids. Picture: Ella Pellegrini

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FORENSIC investigators have arrived on the scene after seven people were arrested by French authorities and two suspected jihadis were killed in a seven-hour standoff in the northern Paris suburb of Saint-Denis.

The two dead extremists included a young woman who blew herself up with an explosive vest and a man who was killed by the detonation of a grenade.

There are conflicting reports from French and American media outlets on whether Paris attacks mastermind Abdelhamid Abaaoud was arrested or killed in the raids.



Investigation starts ... The French police's forensics team and members of the B.R.I arrive at the scene of the terrorist standoff. Picture: AFP/Kenzo TribouillardSource:AFP

But a French spokesperson said the identities of the suspects would be revealed shortly.

At least five police officers were injured in the raids, and seven-year-old police dog Diesel lost its life.

It is believed the group was planning an attack on La Defense business district in Paris, according to a source close to the investigation.

The two deceased suspects were killed during a wild shootout with police.

According to a statement from France's police prosecutor, seven suspects were taken into custody.

Five suspects were found hiding in the building, and a man and a woman were arrested nearby.



Evacuation ... police arrest and evacuate a man from the site of the terror raids. Picture: AFP/Kenzo TribouillardSource:AFP

The man arrested nearby said he had rented the apartment to two Belgians as a favour to a friend, according to Agence France-Presse (AFP).

“A friend asked me to put up two of his friends for a few days,” the man told AFP.

“I said that there was no mattress, they told me ‘it’s not a problem’, they just wanted water and to pray.

“I was asked to do a favour, I did a favour. I didn’t know they were terrorists.”

A female friend of the man was also arrested. She told AFP that she had slept in the apartment last week, and described it as “kind of a squat”. The two visitors from Belgium arrived two days ago.

Although the siege appeared to be coming to an end around 10am local time, the heavy police and military presence remained.

All schools in the district have been ordered to remain closed and transport links have been suspended indefinitely.



Military operation ... Soldiers in St. Denis during a large police operation. Picture: AP Photo/Christophe EnaSource:AP

The action began shortly after 4.30am on Wednesday and within half an hour, hundreds of heavily armed police had surrounded the suburb.

Local residents were ordered to stay indoors and stay away from windows as others were evacuated, some woken from their beds and wearing just underwear as they were rushed to safety, in panic scenes amid the thunder of explosions and almost constant firing of automatic weapons.



Preparing for battle ... police forces in St Denis tell residents to stay inside. Picture: AP Photo/Christoph EnaSource:AP

French police officers circled a Saint-Denis church before attempting to storm the building as a seven-hour standoff nearby was coming to an end.

An eyewitness said police struggled to gain access to the church, and spent around 10 to 15 minutes inside.

It is believed police are scouring the area to make sure no suspected terrorists are hiding in the surrounding buildings.

Seven people were arrested by French authorities and two suspected jihadis were killed in the seven-hour standoff in the northern Paris suburb of Saint-Denis.



Belgian militant Abdelhamid Abaaoud, 27, believed to have coordinated last Friday night's Paris attacks which killed at least 129 people and injured 350 others was reportedly one of those barricaded in the third-floor flat on rue de la Republique.

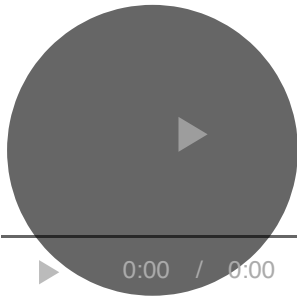
Also there is believed to be the Moroccan-born Abdel-Hamid Abu Oud, 27, also instrumental in organising and executing the attacks last Friday and thought to have been in Syria. Also reportedly in the flat Salah Abdeslam, who was believed to be directly involved in the carnage last Friday.

The scene is close to the Stade de France football stadium where the Paris assaults began last Friday.

The death of a woman who blew herself up with a suicide vest has been confirmed.

There had been consistent witness accounts of a woman having been present with gunmen at the time of the slayings outside the restaurants and Bataclan concert hall.

By 6.30am, a convoy of military trucks disgorged 100 heavily kitted soldiers who fanned out across Saint Denis to secure the perimeter; anyone on the streets were being searched and moved away with a tense standoff lasting well into the morning.



Gunfire heard in Saint-Denis0:48



Gunshots were heard in the northern Paris suburb of Saint-Denis in the early hours of the morning according witnesses and reports. Courtesy: trystero19

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At least seven explosions could be heard thundering out through the suburb.

About an hour later a van arrived carrying boxes of extra ammunition for the police, many wearing balaclavas and carrying large head to toe bullet proof shields.

Local cook Ali Faty, 23, rushed to the scene in the half light of dawn after receiving a text from his panicked older sister Mouskoura, 27, after explosions and gunfire next door to her apartment.

"I came here about 4.45am and heard the detonations, 'boom boom', then nothing then again 'boom' and then automatic fire exchanges," he said yesterday.

"I didn't know what was going on and police stopped me from going down the road.

"It really is crazy, this is not like this this area. This is where we eat, we sleep, we dance you know these things, not detonations and guns. But I understand this is war, we are at war."

His sister was okay but while the siege ended about 9am local time the massive police operation continued well into the morning as police could not rule out there were other suspects hiding about the dense home-unit area.

"This operation is ongoing, please leave the area," armed police told locals trying to see the action as late as 11am.

Police confirmed five people had been arrested but the suggestion was these were not the central figures but associates suspected of assisting.

Whole blocks of shops in the area could not open for business.

Another witness Amin, 28, said the exchange of gunfire in the morning went for more than one hour.



Reinforcements ... military officers arrive at the scene of the standoff with terrorists. Picture: Ella PellegriniSource:News Corp Australia

26-year-old independent journalist Baptiste Marie, who lives near the scene of the standoff, said the incident started with a number of explosions.

"(Then) there was an hour of gunfire," Marie said.

Marie said the officers seemed nervous. "You could see it in their eyes," Marie said.

Resident Amin Guizani said the explosions were grenades and Kalashnikov rifles.

News Corp Australia's Charles Miranda, who is en route to St Denis, says local radio is reporting up to five terrorists are involved in the shootout, including Saleh Abdeslam — one of the seven involved in the weekend attacks.

Firemen told AFP they joined the operation against “an armed group holed up in an apartment” at 04:31am (0331 GMT), without giving any further details.



Line of danger ... At least three police officers have reportedly been injured in the raid. Picture: Ella PellegriniSource:News Corp Australia

The area was closed down and intermittent gunfire could still be heard an hour after it started.

Another source said a special armed response unit took part in the raid, which comes as Europe was on high alert after footage from the scene of one of Friday's attacks revealed a ninth suspect may have taken part.

It was not clear if this ninth man was one of two suspected accomplices detained in Belgium or was on the run, potentially with 26-year-old fugitive Frenchman Salah Abdeslam who carried out one of the attacks at Bonne Biere cafe along with his suicide-bomber brother Brahim.



Planning ... Police and military organise their movements for the raid. Picture: Ella PellegriniSource:News Corp Australia

A police official says there have been exchanges of gunfire and special SWAT teams are on the scene at the large police operation. The official was not authorised to be publicly named according to police policy.

Police have blocked off the area around Place Jean Jaures in Saint-Denis, just north of Paris.

Ambulances can be seen and sirens heard in French television footage from the scene.

The Saint-Denis police station has advised residents to stay at home, [Le Parisien](#) reports.

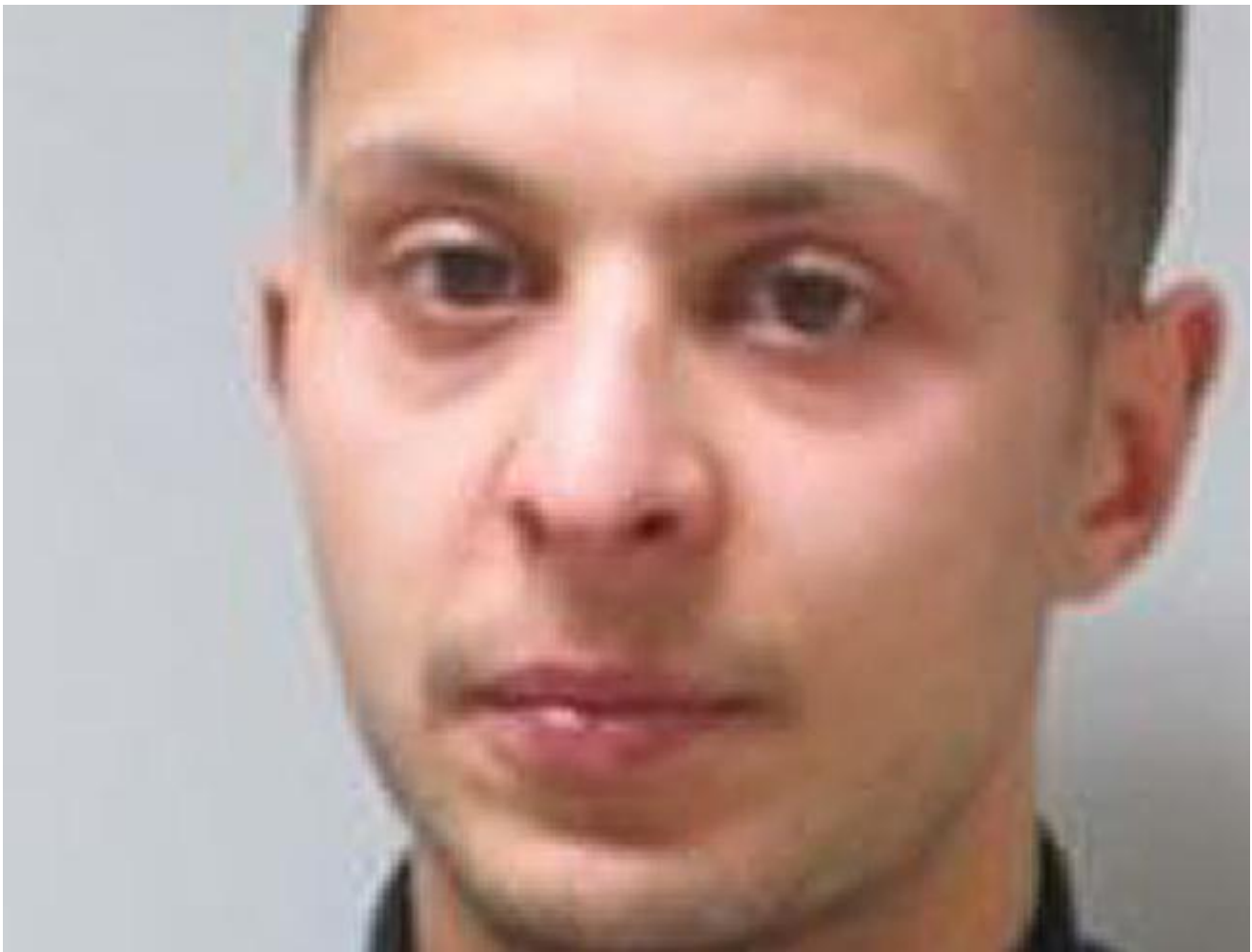


Happening now ... The suburb of Saint-Denis is where the Stade de France is located. Picture: Supplied. Source: Supplied

Deputy Mayor Stephane Peu told i-Tele television that there have been many gun shots and detonations in the operation that began on rue de la Republique in the centre of Saint Denis.

He urged residents to stay home, saying "it is not a new attack but a police intervention."

Two officials say police operation now under way is connected to the investigation into Friday's attacks



Global search warrant ... Salah Abdeslam, 26, is wanted over the Paris attacks. Picture: AFP/Federal Police of BelgiumSource:AFP

Evidence uncovered as ninth attacker confirmed

A mobile phone used by one of the attackers in the Paris shooting and bombing has been recovered.

The phone had a map of the music venue that was attacked by terrorists and a text message saying words to the effect of "let's go".

Confirming reports on French web site Mediapart and US television channel CNN, a source said the phone was found in a bin near the Bataclan concert hall where the bloodiest of the shootings took place on Friday.

These revelations come after investigators obtained a video confirming there was a ninth attacker in Paris among the men who opened fire on bars and restaurants, sources close to the inquiry told AFP.

Previously officials had not specified how many people were involved in the attack on the sidewalk bar on La Fontaine au Roi street.



An unidentified suicide bomber wanted by police in connection with recent terror attacks in Paris ... The notice, released on the national police Twitter account, reads in French: "Call for witnesses - this unidentified individual is one the attackers who died at the Stade de France. Please call if you have any information". Picture: Police Nationale via AP Source:AP

Surveillance video of the shooting shows two black-clad gunmen with automatic weapons calmly firing on the bar, then returning slowly toward a waiting car, whose driver was manoeuvring behind them.

Three French officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to comment on the investigation, confirmed that an analysis of the series of attacks on Friday indicated that one additional person directly involved in the assault remains unaccounted for.

The ninth attacker could be run along with 26-year-old Salah Abdeslam, unless the man in the video is one of two suspected accomplices being held in Belgium.

French and Belgian police have launched a manhunt for Abdeslam in connection with Friday's carnage in Paris. Abdeslam is believed to have fled after gunning down people at bars and cafes in Paris' 10th and 11th arrondissements alongside his brother Brahim Abdeslam, who later blew himself up outside a bar on Boulevard Voltaire, seriously wounding one person.



Friendly match ... German French and Dutch flags are seen during a rehearsal prior to a friendly football match between Germany and the Netherlands. Picture: AFP/Peter SteffenSource:AFP

Stadium evacuated

A friendly soccer match in Germany, hailed as a “symbol of freedom” after the Paris attacks, was cancelled just 90 minutes before kick-off due to a bomb threat.

German newspaper [Kreiszeitung](#) reported the game was abandoned when police found a truck bomb disguised as an ambulance outside Hanover’s 49,000-capacity HDI Arena on Tuesday.

Police chief Volker Kluwe told public broadcaster NDR the “key warning reached us about 15 minutes before the gates opened,” with Germany’s national soccer squad taken to “a safe place” by police.

However a German security official has denied reports that explosives were found outside the stadium. Boris Pistorius, the interior minister for Lower-Saxony state, also told reporters that there had also been no arrests in the case.

Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere declined to answer questions about the exact nature of the threat and the source of the information during a news conference after the Germany-Netherlands match was cancelled.



Evacuated ... spectators leave the HDI-Arena stadiums after the soccer friendly match between Germany and the Netherlands was cancelled in Hanover, Germany. Picture: AP Photo/Michael SohnSource:AP



Called off ... police evacuate the HDI Arena after a security threat. Picture: Matthias Hangst/Bongarts/Getty ImagesSource:Getty Images

De Maiziere asked for “trust,” saying “some of these answers would unsettle the population, some of these answers would make our actions in future harder and (...) some of these answers might lead the source of the information not to provide tips to us anymore.”

[Thousands of fans were evacuated from the stadium](#), where the German national side had been due to play the Netherlands. German government officials, including Chancellor Angela Merkel, were expected to attend.

In a separate incident across town, the TUI-Arena was also reported to have been evacuated ahead of a performance by the Söhne Mannheims musical group, German newspaper Bild reported. Police did not say what the threat was.

Local police said on [Facebook](#) that a suspicious package had also been found at the city's train station. Part of the station has been closed and an investigation is under way.



Securing the venue ... police officers survey the outside of the HDI Arena as supporters leave. Picture: AFP/Patrik StollarzSource:AFP

The German team was playing France last Friday [when players and fans were shaken by the blasts of jihadist suicide bombers outside the venue that echoed through the Stade de France](#).

Head coach Joachim Loew had called the planned match “a clear message and symbol of freedom and a demonstration of compassion, as well as sorrow, for our French friends — not only in France, but throughout the world.”

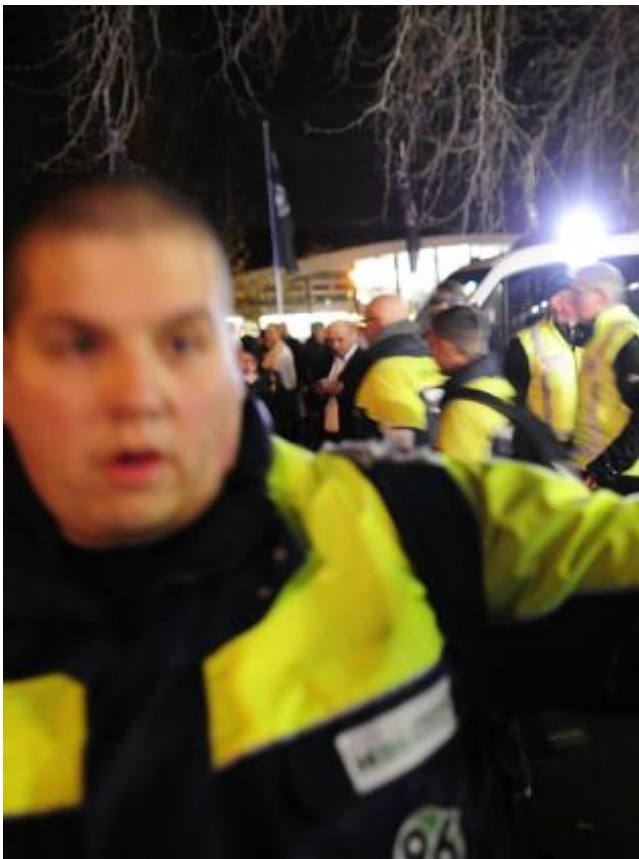
Before the match, players were practising the French anthem “La Marseillaise,” which they had been set to sing in a sign of solidarity with the shaken nation.

The victims of the Paris attacks — which claimed at least 132 lives with more than 350 injured — were set to be honoured by candlelight in what has been described as “a friendly in the true sense of the word.”

The German Football Association had at the weekend already come close to calling off the match, while Belgium have cancelled their friendly against Spain on Tuesday.



Alarm ... special forces secure the HDI-Arena after a bomb alert. Picture: Alexander Koerner/Getty ImagesSource:Getty Images



Emergency response ... special forces drive inside the HDI-Arena after a bomb alert prior to the friendly match. Picture: Alexander Koerner/Getty ImagesSource:Getty Images

“We want to take this opportunity to use light as a sign of sympathy to the world,” the chairman of the Friends of Hanover, Roger Cericius, had told the *Hannoversche Allgemeine* newspaper.

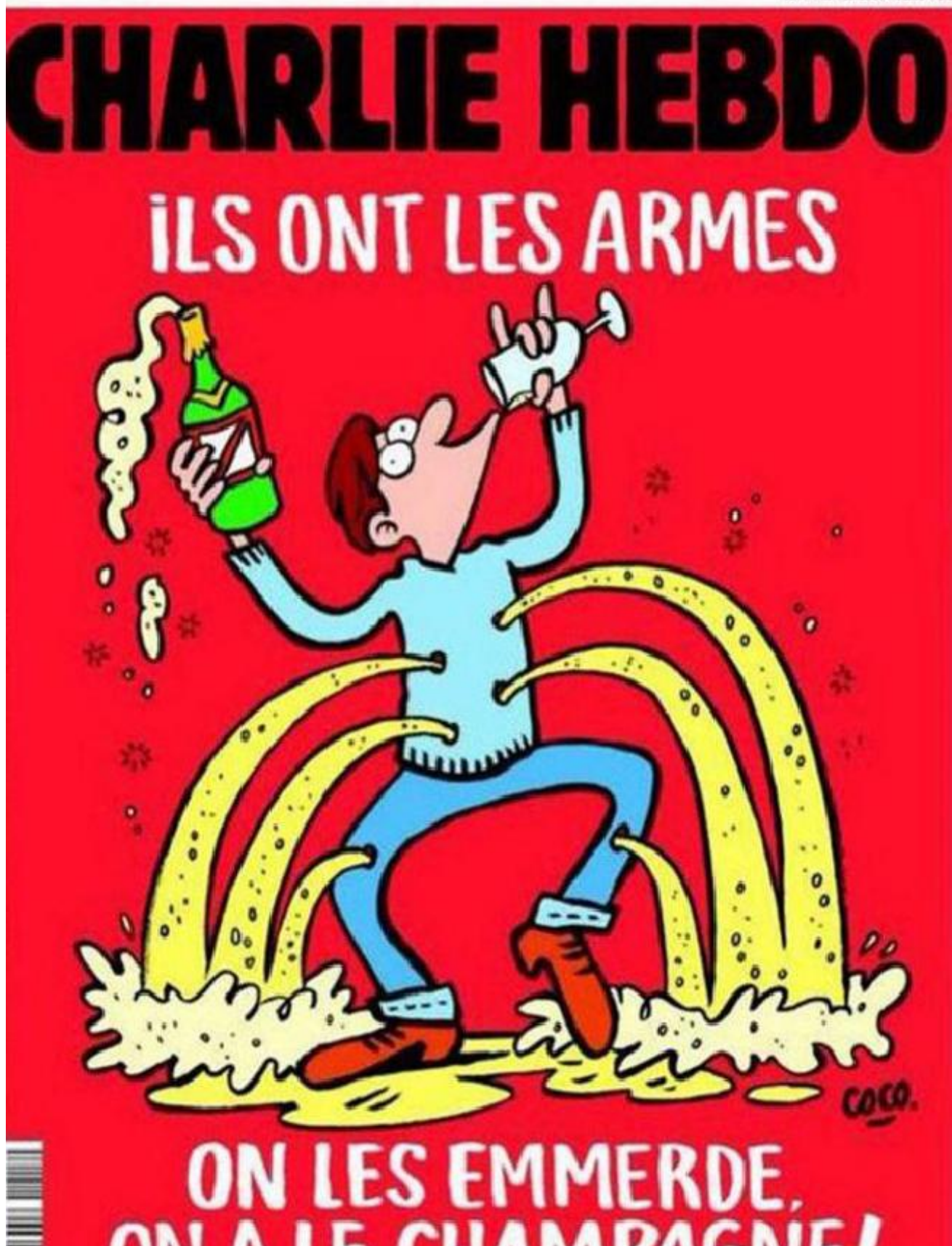
Germany are still coming to terms with what they experienced last Friday during their international against France.

After the blasts, the Germans spent the night in the Stade de France changing room, as it was still considered too dangerous to cross Paris, before flying home early the next morning.

“There was a lot of fear and anxiety in the dressing room that night. We were afraid,” said Loew, who revealed the players had asked to leave as soon as the match was over.

Charlie Hebdo’s defiant new cover

Satirical French magazine Charlie Hebdo has taken aim at IS with a defiant cover saying, “They got the weapons — Screw them, we got the Champagne!”





Defiant ... the latest Charlie Hebdo cover takes aim at IS terrorists. Picture: Charlie HebdoSource:Supplied

The cover cartoon shows a man cheerfully drinking Champagne as it pours out of holes in his body.

Staff and others at the weekly publication [were attacked in January by gunmen who claimed to be outraged by Hebdo's portrayal of the Muslim prophet Muhammed](#) in cartoons, leaving 12 dead.

Brandis: Aussies should 'get used to' terror attacks

Attorney General George Brandis says Australians need to "get used to" the idea that terrorist attacks have made life harder and called for people to "recalibrate their attitudes" to personal privacy.

Senator Brandis said the Turnbull Government wouldn't "violate" Australia's fundamental values to keep citizens safe, but warned the line between protection and liberty was shifting.

"What we need to get used to is that life has become harder for liberal democracies because we are under attack, visibly and obviously under attack and facing threats that we weren't facing some years ago," he told Channel Nine.



Horror to come ... The Bataclan concert hall just moments before the attack. Picture: Agence Bestimage Exclusive.Source:Supplied

“And I think people do need to recalibrate their attitudes. They do need to reconsider where the right balance between protection and personal privacy lies.”

Senator Brandis elaborated on his comments during a later interview with TV rival *Sunrise*.

“I think we need to recalibrate all the time frankly,” he said. “This is a highly dynamic situation. I said to you before, that since May of last year, I have prepared now five tranches of counter-terrorism law. I collaborated with Peter Dutton on the citizenship laws as well. At each stage of that process, we have asked ourselves that question. How far do we need to go to keep our people safe without going too far?”

Terror in Paris

Plotting a
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Night of
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Fugitive's brother: 'Turn yourself in'

The brother of key Paris attack suspect Salah Abdeslam has urged the fugitive to surrender, as police in France and Belgium stepped up their hunt for him.

“I advise him to surrender to the police,” Mohamed Abdeslam, who was himself arrested and freed without charge in Belgium, told France's *BFMTV* news channel.

“The best thing would be for him to surrender so that the legal system can shed full light on the case. I remind you that Salah has never been able to tell his side of the story to the police and that he is therefore presumed innocent.”

France says that the “dangerous” Salah Abdeslam, 26, is wanted in connection with Friday’s attacks and that a third brother, Brahim, was one of the suicide attackers who launched the carnage in Paris.

Belgian police had detained Mohamed Abdeslam on Saturday as part of a wave of arrests but he was freed without charge on Monday along with four other suspects. Two further suspects were charged with involvement with terrorism.

“We are a family. We are thinking about him. We are wondering where he is, and if he is frightened, and if he is eating,” the brother said.

Mohamed Abdeslam told Belgium’s *RTL* television at his family home in Brussels on Monday that “he grew up here, studied here, he is a totally normal lad.”



Appeal ... Mohamed Abdeslam has called on his brother, terror suspect Salah Abdeslam, to turn himself in. Picture: AP Photo/Leila KhemissiSource:AP

Police sources, meanwhile, say a credit card belonging to Salah Abdeslam was used to rent two rooms in a hotel on the eve of the bloody assault.

Salah is thought to have fled the scene after seven other attackers blew themselves up or were shot dead by police after killing 132 people.

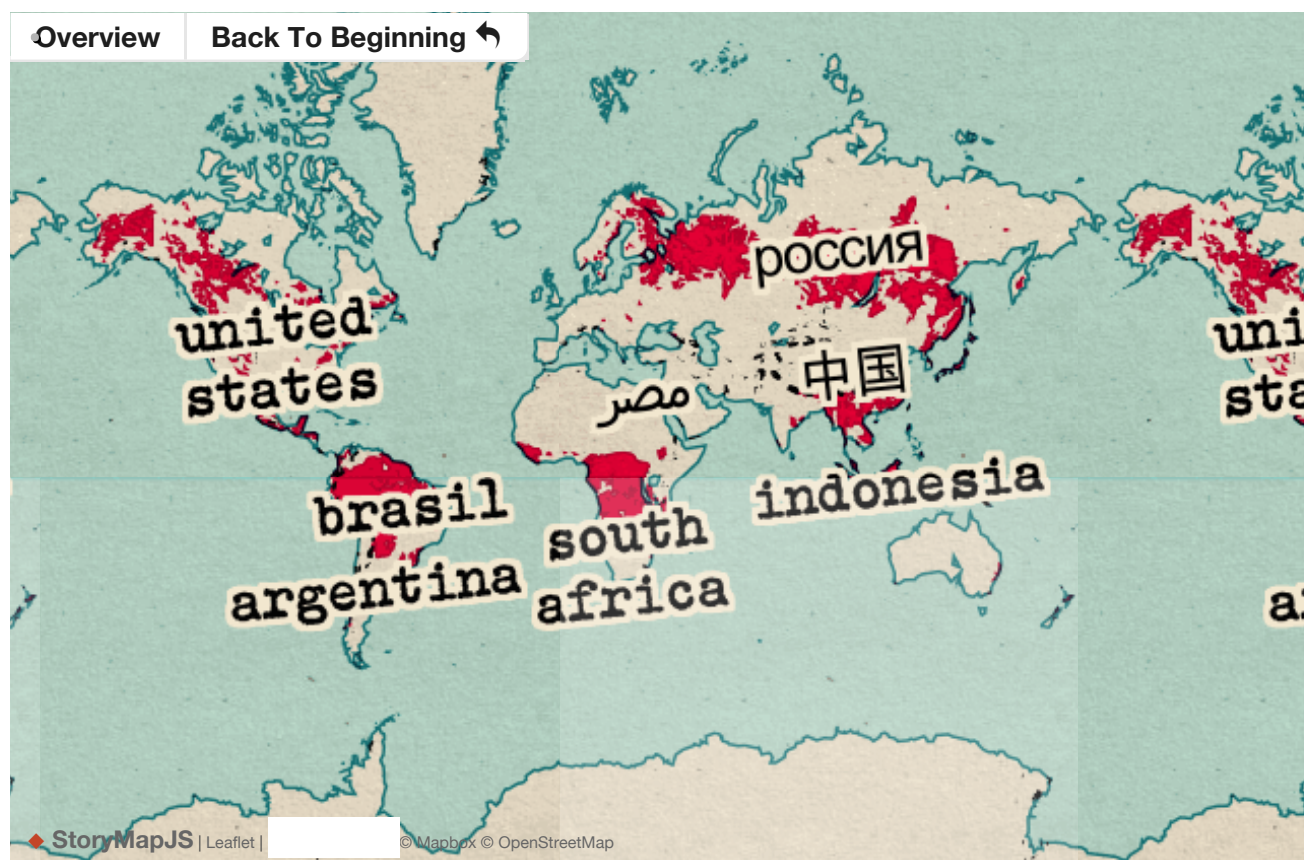
"Two rooms were rented from November 12 for one week in an apartment hotel in Alfortville," a suburb southeast of Paris, police sources said. Police were still trying to determine who stayed in the rooms.

"I heard police smash open the doors on Saturday night," said a woman staying in the rooms next to those that were rented out, speaking on condition of anonymity.

She recalled seeing two men but said she did not recognise them when shown photos by police.

On Sunday, police raided another apartment in the gritty suburb of Bobigny which was rented on November 10 by Abdeslam's brother Brahim.

Investigators have already identified five of the attackers involved in the attacks on the Stade de France, a rock concert, bars and restaurants.





The spread of terror

Islamist terror attacks since September 11, 2001

The 9/11 attacks marked a turning point in Islamic extremists' war against the world. Since that day, more than 11,000 people have been killed in hundreds of bombings, shootings, vehicle attacks, stabbings, beheadings and hijackings across the globe. This timeline charts some of the most notorious attacks.

Start Exploring

France strikes IS to defeat jihadis

France's defence minister says 10 French fighter jets are carrying out new airstrikes on Islamic State group targets in Syria.

Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian says the jets carried out new raids on Tuesday evening. Speaking on *TF1 TV*, the French defence minister said France will have 36 fighter jets in the region capable of carrying out airstrikes on IS targets once the Charles de Gaulle aircraft carrier reaches the zone. The carrier embarks from Toulon on Thursday.



Fighting back ... French warplanes bombing operational sites at the Islamic State's Syria stronghold Raqa. Picture: AFP/ ECPAD/ EMASource:AFP

Earlier, French warplanes destroyed a command centre and training centre in the Syrian city of Raqa in its second series of air strikes in 24 hours, according to Prime Minister Manuel Valls.

It comes after Prime Minister Francois Hollande [announced that the Paris attacks were “decided and planned in Syria, prepared and organised in Belgium \(and\) perpetrated on our soil with French complicity.”](#)

[He unveiled a raft of measures in a historic speech to parliament on Monday](#), in which he called for an extension of the state of emergency by three months and announced 8500 new jobs to help counter-terrorism.



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Hollande says France to step up IS bombing2:26



President Francois Hollande says France will step up the battle against Islamic State in Syria.

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Russia hits IS stronghold Raqa with air strikes

Russia struck the Islamic State stronghold of Raqa in Syria on Tuesday with a “significant number” of strikes that may have included long-range bombers and sea-launched cruise missiles, a US defence official said.

There was no immediate confirmation from Moscow, but Russian President Vladimir Putin earlier vowed vengeance [as Moscow confirmed a bomb brought down a Russian passenger jet over Egypt last month, killing all 224 people aboard.](#)

“We are aware that over the past several hours Russia conducted a significant number of strikes in Raqa, some of which may have included sea-launched cruise missiles and long-range bombers,” said the official, who made the remarks on condition of anonymity.



Strikes ... Russian air force personnel load bombs onto a Tu-22 bomber in preparation for a bombing mission against targets in Syria. Picture: AP Photo/ Russian Defense Ministry Press ServiceSource:AP

“While we do not co-ordinate or collaborate in any way with Russia on its activities in Syria, I can confirm that the Russians did provide us notice prior to conducting these strikes, via the Coalition Combined Air Operations Centre in Qatar, in accordance with the safety protocols agreed to in October. These strikes are not affecting coalition operations, and we have not scrapped any missions as a result.”

The US and Russia have been waging separate air campaigns in civil war-torn Syria.

In a meeting with his security chiefs, Putin pledged to ramp up Moscow’s bombing campaign in Syria in response to the attack. But he but stopped short of blaming any one group.

“We will search for them anywhere they might hide. We will find them in any part of the world and punish them,” he said.



Bombing campaign ... a Russian bomber drops bombs on a target in Syria. Picture: AP Photo/ Russian Defense Ministry Press ServiceSource:AP
