## French President Francois Hollande Sends Aircraft Carrier to Totally Eliminate Terrorists



Paris, November 17 (RHC)-- France is sending its nuclear-powered Charles de Gaulle aircraft carrier to "totally eliminate" the Daesh Takfiri terrorists, says French President Francois Hollande. The carrier will leave for the Middle East on Thursday and such a move will "triple our military power," said Hollande during a parliament emergency meeting in Versailles on Monday. He added: "I am not talking about deterring the Daesh but about eliminating it totally."

The deployment will be the de Gaulle's second in the region, although during its initial tour it focused primarily on targets in Iraq. However, following last Friday's terror attacks on Paris, claimed by Daesh, France started a "massive" offensive against Takfiri targets in Syria.

According to a statement released by France's Defense Ministry on Sunday, 12 warplanes, including 10 fighter bombers, dropped 20 bombs on Takfiri targets in Daesh's de facto capital Raqqah. The jets had left from bases in Jordan and the United Arab Emirates to conduct the mission in coordination with U.S. forces, at the head of a so-called coalition against the Takfiris.

Hollande also announced that his country will step up its airstrikes in Syria and they will continue "in the weeks to come." He affirmed: "The sponsors of the attack in Paris must know that their crimes further strengthen the determination of France to fight and to destroy them."

At least 132 people were killed and 350 others injured after assailants struck several different venues in the French capital late on Friday. Daesh terrorists, who were initially trained by the CIA in Jordan in 2012 to destabilize the government in Damascus, now control parts of Syria and Iraq. They have been engaged in crimes against humanity in the areas under their control.

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