

Sources Say France to Extend State of Emergency for Three Months



Paris, November 16 (RHC)-- French President Francois Hollande plans to increase a 12-day state of emergency announced following the Paris attacks to three-months, say parliamentary sources.

The president's move will increase the state of emergency to cover an upcoming UN climate conference to be held in Paris on November 30, an unnamed source told AFP Sunday. According to French law, extending a state of emergency further than 12 days will require approval by the French parliament.

Such measures lend French police sweeping investigating powers while being enforced. The state of emergency was initially announced after a series of coordinated attacks by Daesh shocked the French capital, leaving at least 132 people dead and some 350 injured in a shooting and bombing spree late Friday.

Earlier on Sunday, hundreds of people fled a memorial event at the Place de la Republique in Paris as the atmosphere of terror lingered in the city. An official from the emergency services said some members of the public believed they had heard gunfire; however, later reports said it was just a false alarm.

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