

At Least 160 Killed in Paris Terrorist Attacks



Paris, November 14 (RHC)-- At least 160 people have been killed and over 200 others injured in the French capital Paris in the deadliest attacks to hit the country since the Second World War.

According to French media on Friday night, nearly 120 people, who had been held hostage by gunmen at the Bataclan Concert Hall in downtown Paris, were killed. Witnesses say the terrorists were shooting for 10 to 15 minutes.

French officials announced that eight of the attackers were killed, including three of them who blew themselves up. About 40 other people were reportedly killed in other attacks across Paris.

In another Friday attack, at least 11 people were killed by gunmen outside a bar called Le Carillon in Paris. The assailants also opened fire at the Petit Cambodge restaurant in the city's 10th district, killing four people.

According to the French Liberation daily, at least 100 rounds were also fired at La Belle Equipe cafe in the 11th district. Three explosions near Stade de France, the country's national stadium just north of Paris, left several people dead and injured.

At the time of the explosions, French President Francois Hollande was present at the stadium, where France were hosting Germany, but he was evacuated to safety before holding crisis talks with Prime Minister Manuel Valls and Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve at the Interior Ministry building.

The French president has, meanwhile, declared a state of emergency in a bid to contain the security situation in the country. He also announced that France's borders have been ordered closed following the attacks.

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