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## Information bulletin

### France: Attacks in Paris



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## The situation

Late on 13 November 2015 at least six serious attacks were reported in Paris, France.

Shootings have occurred on rue Bichat in the 10<sup>th</sup> arrondissement (district) and rue de Charonne in the 11<sup>th</sup> arrondissement, while reports say that between 60 and 100 people had been taken hostage by at least three men armed with automatic rifles at the Bataclan concert hall on Boulevard Voltaire, where a rock concert was taking place. Place de la République, which is located near the Bataclan, was evacuated.

Explosions were also heard in the vicinity of the Stade de France, around 8 km to the north, during an international football match between France and Germany at the venue.

Police have closed down several neighbourhoods in central Paris where several gunmen had fired in a restaurant, causing multiple casualties.

The authorities have indicated that all eight attackers had been neutralised after killing up to 128 people and injuring 250 with 80 in very serious conditions, though the exact number remains unconfirmed.

The situation remains fluid and details are still emerging however, the latest reports indicates that at least 6 gunmen and several suicide bombers are behind the attacks.

President Hollande has declared a state of emergency and 1,500 troops have been deployed, while border controls have been temporarily reinstated.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The French Red Cross has immediately responded to the situation with mobilizing and deploying its different teams and has activated its emergency response system (ARAMIS). 340 volunteers have been mobilized during the night of 13 November 2015, who together with the RC staff have been present at all affected sites.

Several ambulances were brought to the scenes of the attacks to cope with the unknown number of victims. The French Red Cross's mobile teams have been providing emergency health and first aid assistance as well as psycho-social support to those affected. An emergency hotline is also operated by the National Society.

The French Red Cross has also been present at the reception and counselling centre set up by the local authorities at the Hotel Dieu hospital in Paris as well as in the local town hall.

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Enable **healthy**  
and **safe** living.



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and a culture of  
**non-violence** and **peace**.

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