

How the Paris attacks unfolded

129 people died and over 300 were injured on Friday 13 November 2015 as Paris suffered the worst terrorist attack in Europe since the Madrid train bombings of 2004, in which 191 people died. A group of at least seven attackers launched a devastating series of coordinated shootings and explosions at six locations across the French capital

Sequence of events

21:20 Stade de France Saint Denis | First of three explosions outside the national stadium during an international football match

21:25 Le Carillon and Le Petit Cambodge Rue Alibert, 10th arrondissement | 14 die as gunman attacks two establishments in quick succession

21:32 Casa Nostra Rue de la Fontaine au Roi, 11th arrondissement | Five people die in machine gun attack on pizzeria

21:38 La Belle Équipe Rue de Charonne, 11th arrondissement | Gun attack outside brasserie kills 19

21:49 Le Bataclan Boulevard Voltaire, 11th arrondissement | 87 die as at least three attackers storm music venue during a rock concert

A statement [issued by Islamic State](#) said it carried out the attacks in response to France's airstrikes in Syria and threatened further reprisals.

The Paris public prosecutor, François Molins, said on Saturday that the terrorists had divided themselves into three coordinated teams. It is known that three men targeted the Stade de France while another trio attacked concert goers at Le Bataclan. Exactly who was responsible for the string of attacks on eating establishments remains unclear.

By the time special forces ended the siege at Le Bataclan, seven terrorists were dead. Six blew themselves up in France's first ever suicide bombings while a seventh was shot dead by security forces. An eight man described as having been "directly involved" became the subject of a manhunt.

President François Hollande had announced a nationwide state of emergency on Friday night. On Saturday the French interior minister, Bernard Cazeneuve, authorised local authorities to impose curfews if needed and announced 1,500 soldiers would conduct patrols in the heart of the capital.

Le Bataclan, Boulevard Voltaire: four gunmen slaughter 87 concert goers

The deadliest incident took place at a large Parisian music venue when at least three terrorists attacked a packed concert by the American rock group Eagles of Death Metal, killing 87 people. Using automatic weapons, the gunmen were said to have [fired indiscriminately](#) into a crowd of around 1,500 people.

During the assault witnesses say they heard some of the attackers shout 'Allahu Akbar' ('God is greatest' in Arabic) and also mention France's airstrikes against Isis in Syria.

Those trapped inside used social media to implore the police to act. "I'm still in the Bataclan, 1st floor," tweeted one. "I'm heavily wounded. Please police you have to launch an assault, there are still people alive here but they are killing them one by one." Around midnight, shortly after President Hollande addressed the nation on TV, French special forces stormed Le Bataclan to end what had become a hostage situation. Within two minutes all the gunmen were dead. Two blew themselves up while a third was shot dead by the security forces.

One of the Bataclan attackers was later identified, using prints taken from a severed finger found in the venue, as 29-year-old Omar Ismaïl Mostefai. He was known to the French intelligence services.

Stade de France, Saint Denis: football stadium targeted during match

President Hollande was attending an international friendly between France and Germany at the national stadium when the first explosion occurred about 20 minutes into the game. With reports of the developing situation filtering in, Hollande received a security briefing before leaving the stadium to convene an emergency cabinet meeting at the secure interior ministry.

Further explosions occurred at 9.30pm and 9.50pm - one of these attacks is believed to have killed three people. All three explosions were caused by suicide bombers blowing themselves up at locations outside but close to the stadium. Despite all three explosions being audible within the stadium, the match was played to a finish with supporters congregating on the pitch at full-time before they were evacuated.

A Syrian passport for a 25-year-old called Ahmed Almohamed was found near the Stade de France after the bombing. It was registered by a refugee who landed on a Greek island, Leros, on 7 October, but French authorities have not said if that man's fingerprints match any of the attackers' remains.

La Belle Équipe, Rue de Charonne: gun attack outside brasserie kills 19

Nineteen people died after al fresco diners and drinkers were again targeted. This time there were said to have been two gunmen with the shooting lasting for three minutes. Witnesses described scenes of bodies piled outside the bar with residents in apartment blocks throwing down blankets and sheets to cover the victims.

Le Carillon and Le Petit Cambodge: 14 shot dead at two restaurants

Fourteen people died in a double-attack on a cafe bar and Cambodian restaurant metres apart from each other in Rue Alibert, not far from Place de la République. Witnesses described how a gunman first opened fire on Le Carillon cafe bar before heading across the road to Le Petit Cambodge and turning his gun on diners there.

A young woman who arrived at the scene shortly after the attack broke down when she spoke to reporters. "It was surreal, everyone was on the ground", she said. "A girl was being carried in the arms of a young man. She seemed to be dead."

Casa Nostra, Rue de la Fontaine au Roi: five die in gun attack on pizzeria

Five people died after a man dressed in black military-style clothing opened fire with an automatic machine gun outside the popular pizzeria. Psychotherapist Mark Colclough, a 43-year-old British-Danish dual citizen who was 20 yards from the cafe when the attack was launched, [described](#) how the attacker shot first at people dining outside, swiveled to shoot through a car driver's window and then entered the premises to continue the attack. Colclough also described hearing 15-20 shots inside the restaurant and noted how the gunman was firing in controlled bursts.