

## ***Issue No 11 – 15 November 2015 – Terrorism Special Bulletin***

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**Dear Reader,**

**This special bulletin is an update on the latest developments in relation to last Friday’s atrocities perpetrated by Islamist extremists in Paris.**

### **What do we now know?**

There is now significant evidence obtained by the French and Belgian authorities that Belgian Islamists, and Syrians played a major role in last Friday’s attacks. French Police report that 129 people died and hundreds more were wounded. The methodology used by the terrorists included:

- The use of automatic weapons (AK47 7.62mm Assault rifles) in marauding ‘swarm’ style attacks
- Suicide bombings

Some observers have argued that the free movement of people within the Schengen countries where border controls no longer exist has exacerbated the threats. It is interesting to note the parallels between the consequences of free movement between countries, to that of movement within countries, and how the need for controls of access to public, and private premises and space is paramount in terms of preventative security.

French police have issued a photograph of a man wanted in connection with Friday's deadly attacks in Paris. The man has been named as Belgian-born Abdeslam Salah aged 26, and he is described as dangerous. His ID card is shown below:



## APPEL À TÉMOINS



### ABDESLAM SALAH

né le 15 septembre 1989  
à Bruxelles (Belgique)

Individu faisant l'objet d'un mandat de recherche.

SIGNALEMENT :  
1 m 75, yeux marron

CONTACT :  
Si vous disposez d'informations permettant  
de le localiser, contactez immédiatement  
le **197 Alerte attentat**.

Individu dangereux, surtout n'intervenez pas vous-même.



## What steps can we all take now?

It is now essential for public and private organisations to urgently review their security policies, procedures, and physical security measures in relation to access to their premises.

We pose some questions below which we hope will assist you to take practical steps to mitigate the threats from terrorism:

- *Are you satisfied with your existing access control physical measures?*
- *Is entry to your premises or estates adequately controlled?*
- *Who has ownership of access policies and procedures?*
- *Who has operational control?*
- *Are appropriate preventative measures in place?*
- *Are your personnel trained to understand and identify hostile reconnaissance?*
- *What contingency plans exist to address situations where someone or something worrying or suspicious is discovered?*
- *Do you have updated evacuation and invacuation contingency plans?*
- *Are reporting procedures adequate in terms of escalation of concerns, and police support?*
- *Is staff 'security awareness' training up to date?*
- *Do people know what they are looking for?*
- *Do you have search processes in place?*
- *If so, is the search training adequate, or in need of a refresh?*

## Current Security Service (MI5) Threat level

The current threat level from international terrorism for the UK is assessed as **SEVERE**.

The threat level for **Northern Ireland-related terrorism** is set separately for Northern Ireland and Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland).

In Northern Ireland it is **SEVERE** and in Great Britain **MODERATE**.

**NOTE: SEVERE** means that a terrorist attack is highly likely; **SUBSTANTIAL** that it is a strong possibility; **MODERATE** that an attack is possible, but unlikely.

*The job of all of us is to maintain awareness, and to focus on identifying suspicious behaviour and activity. If something occurs that bothers you, or arouses your suspicion, or just doesn't seem routine, then please:*

**Report it! Report it!**

***You may end up saving a life or lives... and there is nothing more rewarding than that....***

***Remember! Everyone should always remain alert to the danger of terrorism and report any suspicious activity to the police on 999 or the anti-terrorist hotline: 0800 789 321***

***REMEMBER! It is vital that Access Control measures are as robust as possible, and that unauthorised persons are not allowed to gain access to your premises!***

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