

# Important Events Leading Up to the November 13 Paris Terrorist Attacks. Sheer Coincidence?

By [Prof Michel Chossudovsky](#)  
Global Research, November 15, 2015

Region: [Europe](#)  
Theme: [Intelligence](#), [Media Disinformation](#),  
[Terrorism](#)

*We are bringing to the attention of our readers four important events which preceded the Paris attacks.*

- 1. The French media had already predicted a terrorist attack more than a month before the actual occurrence.*
- 2. The head of France's external intelligence was in Washington for consultations with CIA Chief John Brennan two weeks before the attacks.*
- 3. On November 5 (one week before the Paris terrorist attacks), the Council of Ministers announced its decision to send France's aircraft carrier group Charles de Gaulle to the Middle East, with a mandate to "fight against the Islamic state".*
- 4. On the morning of November 13, an emergency scenario of a multi-site terrorist attack is conducted in Paris, involving first responders, medical personnel, police and firemen.*

*At this early stage, it is impossible to confirm whether these events bear a relationship to the dramatic events of November 13th. What they do convey, however, is that France was on a "war footing" against the Islamic State prior to the events of November 13th.*

*War preparations allegedly against the Islamic State were ongoing prior to the official announcement by president Hollande that the Paris terrorist attacks of November 13 constituted "an act of war" against the French Republic.*

*The decision to dispatch the Charles de Gaulle aircraft carrier together with its GAN carrier group to the Middle East is of utmost significance. It constitutes a formidable force which will be joining its US and coalition partners.*

*This deployment of France's naval and air power points to a strategy of military escalation directed against Syria and its allies. It is not intended to go after the Islamic State, which is protected by the US led coalition.*

*France claim's the right to defend itself, intimating that the French Republic has been attacked from outside the country.*

*Are the Paris terrorist attacks being used as a pretext and justification to intervene militarily in Syria in violation of international law. According to French President François Hollande, the terrorist attack was "prepared, organized and planned from outside the country by the Islamic State, but with help from inside."*

1. October 2: Paris Media Predicts a French Style 9/11, “un 11 septembre à la française”.

The threat is real, according to Judge Trévédic in an interview with *Paris Match*.

“The attacks in France will be on a scale comparable to 9/11”

“Intelligence services fear a 9/11 French Style”

“impossible à déjouer”, suggesting that French intelligence is inept and unable to prevent a forthcoming terrorist attack, if and when it occurs

## Les avertissements se multiplient autour d'un «11-Septembre à la française»

Robin Panfili | France | 02.10.2015 - 10 h 45 | mis à jour le 02.10.2015 à 12 h 45



Des militaires français marchent dans les rues de Paris dans le cadre du plan Vigipirate, en janvier 2015. REUTERS/Eric Gaillard

**Utilisée dès 2001, l'expression est devenue récurrente dans la bouche des spécialistes du terrorisme ou des médias depuis le 7 janvier.**

La France est-elle sous la menace d'un «11-Septembre français»? Ou a-t-il déjà eu lieu? Ces derniers temps, les attaques ou menaces terroristes sur le sol hexagonal ont régulièrement été comparées –parfois maladroitement– aux attentats de l'automne 2001. [Dans une interview accordée à Paris Match](#) le 30 septembre, l'ancien juge antiterroriste Marc Trévédic prédit des attentats d'une ampleur sans précédent sur le territoire français, comparables aux attaques terroristes survenues outre-Atlantique:

# Les services de renseignement redoutent un 11-Septembre français

LOBS

Par L'Obs  
Voir tous ses articles

Publié le 02-10-2015 à 18h16

A+ A- 

Les experts et les responsables de la lutte antiterroriste craignent que la France ne soit la cible de nouveaux attentats "impossibles à déjouer".



## 2. October 27: CIA Director John Brennan receives French External Intelligence (DGSE) Director Bernard Bajolet in Washington

On their Agenda: How to Fight the Islamic State, including Threats to National Security emanating from the Islamic State

News reports confirm that two weeks before the November 13 attacks, Bajolet arrived in Washington "for urgent meetings with his counterparts at the CIA and other agencies". The meetings pertained to the war in Syria and the "threat from outside" emanating from the Islamic State.

CIA director, John O. Brennan and DGSE director Bernard Bajolet also participated in a panel (October 27) at George Washington University. The Panel was part of a Conference sponsored by the CIA and George Washington University.

In his presentation at George Washington University, Bajolet pointed to the "inside threat" of young radicalized Frenchmen, while intimating there was also:

"a threat from outside... either through terrorist actions which are planned [and] ordered from outside or only through fighters coming back to our countries."

In the wake of the Paris attacks, President Hollande -who had been briefed by Bajolet- went on record: "This is an Act of War" -i.e. the Islamic State is waging war on France. Hollande's words were very similar to those of Bajolet. According to president François Hollande, the Paris terrorist attack was "prepared, organized and planned from outside the country by the

Islamic State, but with help from inside.”



### 3. November 5: Council of Ministers decides to Dispatch Charles de Gaulle Aircraft Carrier Group to the Middle East to Fight the Islamic State

Announced on November 5 (one week before the Paris attacks), [the Council of Ministers confirmed](#) that France had dispatched the Charles de Gaulle aircraft carrier to the Middle East to “Fight Daesch (aka the Islamic State). France’s Charles de Gaulle only aircraft carrier is slated to leave for the Mediterranean “to join the fight against the Islamic State in the region” on November 18.

*“The deployment of the battle group alongside the Charles de Gaulle aircraft carrier has been undertaken in order to participate in operations against Daesch [ISIS] and its affiliate groups” the French president’s office said in an issued statement. (quoted by RT, November 5, 2015)*

*“The aircraft carrier will enable us to be more efficient in coordination with our allies” President Francois Hollande said, adding that it will “bolster Paris’ firepower in the region amid international efforts to launch Syrian peace talks.” (Ibid)*

# Le porte-avions *Charles-de-Gaulle* à nouveau mobilisé contre Daech

🏠 > ACTUALITE > INTERNATIONAL Par Alain Barluet, Service infographie du Figaro | Mis à jour le 05/11/2015 à 20:51 | Publié le 05/11/2015 à 19:22

LE FIGARO PREMIUM

1 mois d'essai offert  
sans engagement

LES AUTEURS ▾

SUR LE MÊME  
SUJET ▾

RÉAGIR (153) ▾

PARTAGER



IMPRIMER

Maroo Vasco



Voyage sur mesure



**INFOGRAPHIE - La France a annoncé, ce jeudi, à l'issue d'un conseil de Défense, le déploiement du porte-avions pour lutter contre l'organisation de l'Etat islamique (EI) et les groupes djihadistes associés.**

Le porte-avions *Charles-de-Gaulle* va être à nouveau engagé contre Daech. Ainsi en a décidé le conseil de Défense restreint, réuni ce jeudi à l'Élysée autour de François Hollande qui, quelques heures plus tard, **inaugurait le nouveau siège du ministère de la Défense, à Balard.**

**Cliquez ici**

## 4. Morning of November 13, An Emergency Exercise based on a Multi-site scenario of Terrorist Attacks was held in Paris, on the Same Day as the Attacks

*Patrick Pelloux revealed on national radio on Saturday that SAMU conducted a “multi-site” counterterrorism emergency exercise in Paris on the same day as the Paris attacks.*

*It should be emphasized that this was not a military style exercise, it involved first responders, medical personnel and police.*

He said that the Paris emergency services were so well prepared, because “by chance” they had been planning for a similar scenario to what actually occurred.

### TV Broadcast

The nature of this exercise which preceded the attacks were revealed in an interview with Thomas Loeb, responsible for medial services of SAMU at Garches.

The interview was conducted by [Challenges.fr](http://Challenges.fr):

Relevant excerpts of interview

The eight SAMU Ile-de-France met on Friday [13 November] for an exercise pertaining to the simulation of a terrorist attack in Paris. What was the precise purpose of this initiative?

We gathered in the Coordinating meeting room of the defense area Ile-de-France, that morning, to work on the hypothesis [scenario] of an armed group involved in attacks in several locations Paris. This is what we call a tabletop exercise to consider the coordination of our actions.

It is an astonishing coincidence. Was this the first time you worked on this type of scenario?

No, this is a very clear working hypothesis for months, the idea of multiple simultaneous attacks. In the 2000s, we worked more on dirty bombs and risks called NRBC (Nuclear, Radiological, Biological, Chemical). Then it evolved to the risk of people being wounded by gunfire or explosion.

Interview by Kira Mitrofanoff

Translation by the author

To read the complete interview in French click [Challenges.fr](http://Challenges.fr)

The original source of this article is Global Research  
Copyright © [Prof Michel Chossudovsky](http://Prof Michel Chossudovsky), Global Research, 2015

---

[Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page](#)

[Become a Member of Global Research](#)

Articles by: [Prof Michel Chossudovsky](#)

#### About the author:

Michel Chossudovsky is an award-winning author, Professor of Economics (emeritus) at the University of Ottawa, Founder and Director of the Centre for Research on Globalization (CRG), Montreal, Editor of Global Research. He has taught as visiting professor in Western Europe, Southeast Asia, the Pacific and Latin America. He has served as economic adviser to governments of developing countries and has acted as a consultant for several international organizations. He is the author of 13 books. He is a contributor to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. His writings have been published in more than twenty languages. In 2014, he was awarded the Gold Medal for Merit of the Republic of Serbia for his writings on NATO's war of aggression against Yugoslavia. He can be reached at

**Disclaimer:** The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: [publications@globalresearch.ca](mailto:publications@globalresearch.ca)

[www.globalresearch.ca](http://www.globalresearch.ca) contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: [publications@globalresearch.ca](mailto:publications@globalresearch.ca)