

Barcelona, Manchester, Berlin, Paris, Nice, London, New York: Passports and IDs Mysteriously Discovered in the Wake of Terror Attacks

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UPDATE: BARCELONA

Reports concerning the Barcelona attack, reveal exactly the same feature of passports and IDs left behind which occurred in Manchester, Paris, Nice, London, New York, and now Barcelona (August 17, 2017) (see below).

A Spanish passport of “a person of Moroccan origin was found at the scene of the attack” according to Britain’s Daily Express. The Spanish media reports confirm that the suspect is Spanish from the autonomous city of Melilla which has borders with Morocco. Police sources state that his identity is being used in the investigation.

The reports are notoriously contradictory: the latest Telegraph report (18/08/17) suggests that the suspect who was driving the van is 18 years old by the Name of Moussa Oukabir, and that his brother is Driss Oukabir, 28 years old and that it was his brother who rented the vehicle.

Earlier reports by *El País* (August 17) stated that the alleged suspect 28-year-old Driss Oukabir, had been arrested by the Police, while *El Nacional* reported that the suspect:

“presented himself at a Catalan police station in Ripoll to deny having any involvement in this afternoon’s attack. He claims his ID was stolen and used by the terrorists to rent one of the vans used for the attack.

Local sources, confirmed by the town’s mayor, Jordi Munell, have said that the young man, who lives in Ripoll, attended the police station to deny any involvement in the events” (Daily Express, August 17, 2017)

The report below suggests that the passport discovered in the van provided a lead to “the Alcanar house where bombs were being prepared”. Allegedly the passport was found in the van used for the attack in “an accidental explosion that took place on Thursday morning in

the town of Tarraconense. This finding allowed linking the terrorist attack in Barcelona with a wounded in the Alcanar accident”.

Un pasaporte hallado en la furgoneta llevó a los Mossos a la casa de Alcanar donde se preparaban bombas

- ▶ En la furgoneta utilizada para el atentado se halló el pasaporte de un herido en una explosión accidental que tuvo lugar el jueves de madrugada en la población tarraconense
- ▶ Ese hallazgo permitió vincular el ataque terrorista en Barcelona con un herido en el accidente de Alcanar donde los Mossos encontraron una concentración de bombas
- ▶ Los investigadores siguen la pista al conductor de la furgoneta a quien vinculan con una célula terrorista formada por entre cinco y siete personas preparada para atentar

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According to government and media reports, the suspects are without exception linked to an Al Qaeda affiliated entity.

None of these terror suspects survived. Dead men do not talk.

In the case of the tragic events in Manchester, the bankcard of the alleged suicide bomber Salman Abedi was found in his pocket in the wake of the explosion.

Legitimacy of the official stories? The UK is both a “victim of terrorism” as well as a “State sponsor of terrorism”. Without exception, the governments of Western countries which are victims of terror attacks, have supported, directly or indirectly, the Al Qaeda group of terrorist organizations including the Islamic State (ISIS), which are allegedly responsible for waging these terror attacks. Amply documented Al Qaeda is a creation of the CIA.

Below is a review of the circumstances and evidence pertaining to passports and IDs discovered in the wake of selected terror attacks, with links to Global Research articles and media reports (2001-2017). (This list is by no means exhaustive)

From NYC on 9/11 to Manchester, May 2017

In reverse chronological order

emphasis added

The Manchester Terror Attack, May 2017.

[Manchester Bomb Suspect Said to Have Had Ties to al Qaeda ...](#)

NBCNews.com-May 23, 2017 **MANCHESTER**, England — Salman *Abedi*, the 22-year-old British man ... in a suicide-bomb *attack*, had ties to al Qaeda and had received *terrorist* training ... was identified by a *bank card* found in his pocket at the scene of the ...



[Manchester Attack as MI6 Blowback?](#)

By [Evan Jones](#), May 26, 2017

“A bankcard has been conveniently found in the pocket of the ... Daesh has claimed responsibility for the **Manchester** attack, but without ...”

MANCHESTER, England — Salman *Abedi*, the 22-year-old British man believed to have [killed 22 people in a suicide-bomb attack](#), had ties to al Qaeda and had received terrorist training abroad, a U.S. intelligence official told NBC News on Tuesday as the United Kingdom raised its terrorist threat level to the [highest category](#).

The U.S. intelligence official, who has direct knowledge of the investigation, said *Abedi*, whose family is of Libyan descent, was identified by a bank card found in his pocket at the scene of the explosion after an Ariana Grande concert at Manchester Arena. The identification was confirmed by facial recognition technology, the official said.

Abedi had traveled to Libya within the last 12 months, one of multiple countries he had visited, the official said. And while he had "clear ties to al Qaeda," the official said, *Abedi* could have also had connections to other groups.

No image of the alleged bankcard is available.

Ironically, the suspect *Abedi* was first identified by Washington rather than UK police and security. How did they know who was the culprit 3 hours after the explosion? [According to Graham Vanbergen](#):

In the early hours of the morning of the 23rd May - approximately 02.35BST [NDTV](#) via

the Washington Post stated quite categorically that:

“U.S. officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, identified the assailant as Salman Abedi. They did not provide information about his age or nationality, and British officials declined to comment on the suspect’s identity.”

This was published at a time when British police and security services were refusing to make any statements as to who they thought the perpetrators were because at the time, they were dealing with the immediate aftermath of the event.

Berlin Truck Terror Attack, December 2016.



[The Berlin Truck Terror Suspect and the Curious Matter of ID Papers Left Behind](#)

By [WhoWhatWhy](#), December 22, 2016

The Berlin Truck Terror Suspect and the Curious Matter of ID Papers Left Behind. By WhoWhatWhy. Global Research, December 22, 2016. Who What Why 21

The suspect’s identity papers were found inside the truck used in Monday’s attack on a Christmas market, which left 12 people dead, German security officials said.

The suspect was known to German security services as someone in contact with radical Islamist groups, and had been assessed as posing a risk, Interior Minister of North Rhine-Westphalia Ralf Jaeger told reporters.



Source: Daily Mail, July 15, 2016

The Nice Terror Attack July 2016

The Nice Terror Attack: Towards a Permanent State of Martial Law in ... the alleged perpetrator is dead and conveniently left behind his ID.



[Nice, 14th of July Massacre: Towards Martial Law? The Islamic State \(ISIS-Daesh\) Claims Responsibility?](#)

By [Peter Koenig](#), July 15, 2016

According to Peter Koenig in relation to the Nice terror attack:

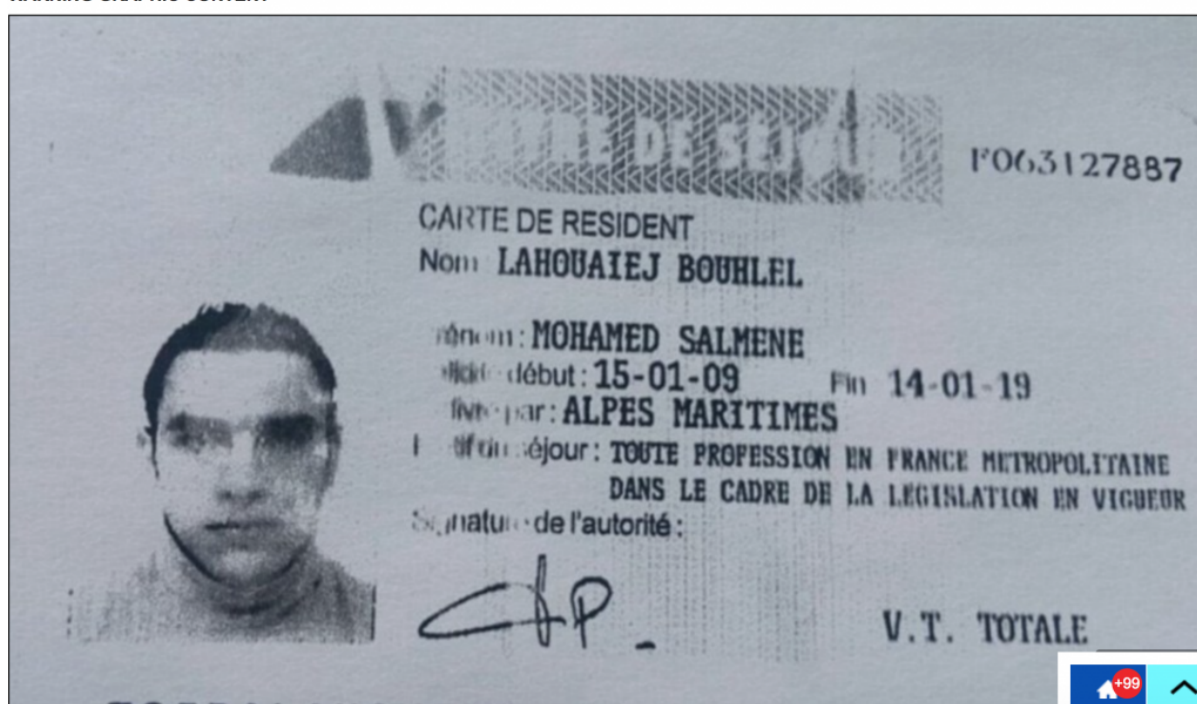
During last night's celebration of the French National Holiday, around 11 PM, a speeding truck plowed into a crowd of thousands who were watching the fireworks along the Mediterranean Boulevard Anglais. The driver of the truck, was simultaneously and indiscriminately shooting into the crowd. He was able to run for 2 kilometers before being stopped by police, which instantly shot and killed him.

A horrendous terror attack, killing hordes of people, spreading pain, misery, fear and outrage in France, Europe – the world over. All indications signal the Big Script of yet another false flag; yet again in France.

The young truck-driver was identified as a 31-year-old Frenchman, resident of Nizza, with Tunisian origins. As in previous cases, 'coincidence' has it that his identity papers were found in the truck.

The truck driver, who was known to police, was said to have shouted 'Allahu Akbar' – God is great in Arabic – before being killed in a clear suicide mission. Pro-ISIS groups have been celebrating the attack, orchestrated to coincide with France's most important national holiday.

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The young man is instantly killed by the police. Dead people cannot talk. A pattern well known by now.

Paris Charlie Hebdo Terror Attack, January 2015



[Police found the ID of Said Kouachi at the Scene of the Charlie Hebdo Shooting. Does this Sound Familiar?](#)

By [Dr. Paul Craig Roberts](#), January 10, 2015

“According to news reports, police found the ID of Said Kouachi at the scene of the Charlie Hebdo shooting. Does this sound familiar? Remember, authorities claimed to have found the undamaged passport of one of the alleged 9/11 hijackers among the massive pulverized ruins of the twin towers.”

Paris Bataclan Terror Attack, November 2015



[The Paris Terror Attacks and 911: Similar “Evidence” Makes it Suspicious](#)

By [Timothy Alexander Guzman](#), November 20, 2015

The Islamic State (ISIS/ISIL) declared that it was responsible for the latest attacks in Paris as did Al-Qaeda who also claimed responsibility for 911. ... However, there are similarities between the terror attacks in Paris and New York City on September 11th.

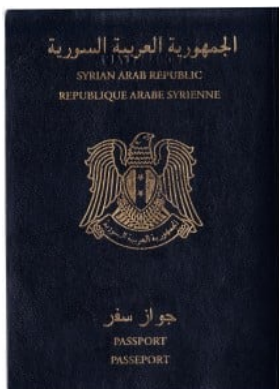
First, Syrian and Egyptian passports from two of the suicide bombers were found at the scene of the stadium attack in the northern part of the city. After both suspected terrorists detonated their explosive devices, their passports were still found.

This brings us back to the September 11th terror attacks where U.S. officials recovered a passport intact a few blocks from the World Trade Center which did belong to one of the hijackers,



[Magic Passports Redux: Syrian Passport Allegedly Discovered on Paris Suicide Bomber](#)

By [21st Century Wire](#), November 14, 2015



In the context of the enquiry about the Paris massacres, a Syrian passport (image right) was found next to one of the kamikaze bombers of Stade de France. After being pointed out as responsible for the attacks by President Hollande, ‘the Islamic State’ claimed that they had engineered the onslaught. The French executive, that had already stated tht they wanted to take action in Syria allegedly against ISIS, but actually against Bachar El Assad, who ‘has to go’, sees in this a significant clue that comfort their military expedition.

London 7/7 Terror attack, July 7, 200



[The 7/7 London Bombings and MI5's "Stepford Four" Operation: How the 2005 London Bombings Turned every Muslim into a "Terror Suspect"](#)

By [Karin Brothers](#), May 26, 2017

On Tuesday, July 12th, Lindsay's wife Samantha Lewthwaite had called police to report her husband Germaine ("Jamal") missing. Police searched their home immediately. The next day, on July 14th, police announced that they had Lindsay's ID and he was the fourth bomber. Lewthwaite was incredulous and refused to believe the accusation without DNA proof. The police identification was stunning because they had been claiming that all of the suspects looked Pakistani; there was no way anyone could mistake the big, black Lindsay for an Asian. What had police been looking at?

9/11 Terror Attacks: September 11, 2001



[Was America Attacked by Muslims on 9/11?](#)

By [David Ray Griffin](#), September 11, 2016



[9/11 Truth and the Joint Congressional Inquiry: 28 Pages of Misdirection on the Role of Saudi Arabia](#)

By [Dick Atlee](#) and [Ken Freeland](#), September 11, 2015

For years the **9/11** Truth movement (9TM) has been vainly pleading with FBI agent Dan Coleman explains how the passport of 9/11 hijacker ...



[9/11 Contradictions: Mohamed Atta's Mitsubishi and His Luggage](#)

By [David Ray Griffin](#), May 09, 2008

9/11 Contradictions: Mohamed Atta's Mitsubishi and His Luggage ... It also contained a Saudi passport, an international driver's license, ...

["In the official version for 9/11 the FBI claimed that they found the unscathed passport of one of the pilots near one of the towers](#) that were reduced to ashes by explosions whose heat melted even the steel columns in the buildings' structure. The fourth plane's crash near Shanksville also yielded a passport which, though scorched, still made it possible to read the person's first name and surname and to see his ID photo. This is all the more disturbing as nothing at all was left in the crater, no part of the plane or of the people travelling in it, only this partly scorched passport.

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