

Terrorists Kill 22 At Beach Resort, But Nobody Cares Because It Wasn't In U.S. or Europe

Western media is only highlighting when Europeans and Americans get killed.

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While America and Europe changes their social media profile pictures to show solidarity with victims of one European country, then another, victims of terrorism in non-European and American countries are receiving virtual no attention – let alone sympathy – when they receive even higher death tolls from ISIS.

After the horrific attack on Brussels, it's worth noting how the major attacks that have recently been carried out by ISIS, or ISIS-sympathizing groups, have been reported in the media – and subsequently how they have been received on social media:

March 22, 2016, Brussels, 34 killed - HEADLINE NEWS

March 20, 2015, Yemen, 137 killed - no headline

April 18, 2015, Afghanistan, 33 killed - no headline

June 26, 2015, Tunisia, 38 killed - no headline

June 29, 2015, Yemen, 35 killed - no headline

October 10, 2015, Ankara, Turkey, 97 killed - no headline

October 31, 2015, Russian plan, 224 killed - HEADLINE NEWS

November 21, 2015, Beirut, 43 killed - no headline

November 13, 2015, Paris, 130 killed - HEADLINE NEWS

December 2, 2015, San Bernardino, 14 killed - HEADLINE NEWS

January 8, 2016 Libya, 50 killed - no headline

March 6, 2016 (only two weeks ago), Baghdad, 47 killed - no headline

March 13, 2016 (last week), Grand-Bassam, 22 killed – no headline

March 15, 2016 (last week), Ankara, Turkey, 35 killed - no headline

ISIS is killing more Muslims and Africans than any other group. Yet for some reason Western media is only highlighting when Europeans and Americans get killed.



This feeds into a "Muslims are against us" mentality, when in fact what we are facing is an imperialist terrorist cult, that targets Muslims more than any other group of people.

Just last week, Grand-Bassam's beaches were filled people enjoying the Sunday afternoon.

With temperatures on the rise, many across Ivory Coast came to the city's oceanfront resorts to enjoy the ocean.

For terrorists, this was a perfect opportunity.

Six figures all in black appeared on the beach, wearing balaclavas and carrying guns. Before anyone could process what was going on, the terrorists opened fire.

They had AK-47 Kalashnikov rifles and hand grenades, which they used on anyone within sight.

They marched across the sand, shredding men, women and children – both Ivorians and foreigners alike.

When security forces arrived, the terrorist gunmen killed two of them as well.

"They killed a child, despite him kneeling down and begging," one witness told the BBC. "They shot a woman in the chest. I swear, I heard them shouting 'Allahu Akbar.' They've killed innocent people."

But aside from sources like the BBC and NPR, this story was simply not covered in the mainstream Western media.

Security video below shows deadly Ivory Coast attack...

The death told reached 22 dead, including the six gunmen, two soldiers and 14 civilians.

The Washington Post reports that "among the dead civilians were four Westerners, including a French and a German national, according to the BBC. The U.S. Embassy in Abidjan said it had no evidence that U.S. citizens were targeted or harmed," according to the Associated Press.

The attack was claimed by Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), according to the SITE Intelligence Group, but they are basing that only on what they've seen on the internet. The reality is that very little has gone into investigating this attack.

Grand-Bassam's president Alassane Ouattara said "these cowardly terrorist attacks will not be tolerated in the Ivory Coast. We have taken important measures. These attacks were brought under control in three or four hours thanks to our security and defense forces."

The Post reports that "the bloodshed followed several similar attacks in neighboring countries in recent months," none of which were highlighted by the Western media.

In November, a siege on a hotel in the Malian capital of Bamako killed 27 hostages, including one American. Another al-Qaeda affiliate, al-Mourabitoun, claimed responsibility.

In January, a hotel attack in Burkina Faso killed at least 23 people, including an American. Two of the four assailants were women, and the attack was claimed by AQIM.

The Associated Press reports that these "attacks led some security analysts to warn that Ivory Coast would be next."

The trio of attacks in West Africa has triggered fears that radical Islamist terror groups are extending their reach to previously untouched corners of the continent. All three incidents resembled an attack on a Tunisian beach in North Africa in June that killed 38 people and was claimed by the Islamic State.

"It was carnage," one witness said. "They shouted 'Allahu Akbar.' They were getting people to shout those words and they killed anyone who didn't. There were at least four of them. Three walked side-by-side along the beach and there was a fourth man who finished off any survivors.

"A lot of people ran out into the sea to escape. So apart from the people who died from gunshots there may be people who have drowned and have been swept out to sea," he continued. "They were sub-Saharan Africans. Even though they wore balaclavas everyone saw they had brown hands."

"Truly, truly it was terrifying," one woman told Reuters. "It was definitely terrorists. We never thought this could happen here under these circumstances. It's not easy. It's not easy."

Another man told of his friend being killed right in front of him.

"He came up to my friend as he was speaking on the phone and shot him in the head," he told Reuters. "When he shot him in the head, he shouted Allahu Akbar, and at that moment three others arrived and started shooting."

With all of that said, why do you think these attacks not receiving much attention in the Western media?

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