

# *France Unveils Sweeping New Counterterrorism Plan*

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Paris, January 21 (RHC)-- France has announced a wave of "exceptional measures" to combat terrorism in the wake of the attacks earlier this month on Charlie Hebdo magazine and a kosher supermarket.

French Prime Minister Manuel Valls said the government will spend the equivalent of \$490 million over three years and hire more than 2,600 new staff. The plan includes a major increase in surveillance, including a measure easing the use of phone taps.

The news comes as France has detained four people charged with aiding supermarket shooter Amedy Coulibaly.

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