

Two Killed and Seven Arrested in French Raid on Apartment Building



Paris, November 18 (RHC)-- In France, at least seven people have been detained and two have been killed after a series of gun battles and a police raid on an apartment in a northern suburb of Paris.

French authorities said the operation targeted a Belgian man accused of masterminding the Paris attacks that killed 132 people Friday. Abdelhamid Abaaoud was initially said to be in Syria.

Early this morning, French police stormed an apartment in Saint-Denis, where a woman reportedly killed herself by detonating an explosive vest. A second suspect was killed, reportedly from gunfire and a grenade. Five police officers were wounded and a police dog was killed in the hours-long operation.

Meanwhile, authorities in Belgium have charged two men with assisting Salah Abdeslam, a second fugitive suspect in the Paris attacks, by driving him to Brussels. Abdeslam's family has called for him to turn himself in.

Amid security fears Tuesday, authorities in Hanover, Germany, abruptly canceled a soccer match following a "concrete tip" about a planned bomb attack. And two Air France flights bound for Paris from the United States were diverted over reports of bomb threats.

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