

# *France Turns Away Over 3,400 Refugees Since Paris Attacks*

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Paris, December 23 (RHC)-- France has rejected 3,414 refugees from its borders since a state of emergency was introduced in the wake of the November terrorist attacks in Paris, when 130 people were killed.

Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said that the refugees were refused entry "due to the risk they present to security and public order." France announced the state of emergency following the November 13th terrorist attacks.

On November 19th, the government announced it will extend its state of emergency by three months. The move has permitted authorities to impose such measures as house-arresting hundreds of suspects and tightening border entries. The European Union interior ministers, however, in September imposed a resettling plan that distributes refugees entering the EU among the member countries.

France's northern neighbor, Germany, has threatened to take legal action against any EU state that refuses to accept the refugees.

According to figures released by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), 933,776 refugees have reached Europe's shores so far this year, while more than 3,619 people have died in their perilous journey to the continent.

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