

French President Hollande Seeks to Extend State of Emergency



Paris, January 25 (RHC)-- In France, President François Hollande plans to ask Parliament to extend the state of emergency for another three months.

The emergency measures were approved following the November 13 attacks in Paris, giving Hollande a sweeping expansion of state powers, including measures that permit police raids without a warrant and allow the government to strip citizenship from dual passport holders convicted of terrorism.

French police have conducted thousands of raids since the state of emergency began. It was slated to expire Tuesday, but an official statement released Friday says Hollande will seek a three-month extension.

Meanwhile, the media center of the Islamic State has published a video purporting to show the last statements of the nine people who allegedly took part in the November 13 Paris attacks, which killed 130 people. The video published Sunday shows nine alleged attackers—three French men, four Belgian men and two Iraqi men. The video also threatens future attacks against Britain.



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