

RAN statement on the Paris attacks – 16 November 2015

We are shocked and in mourning after the terrorist attacks in Paris. Our thoughts are with the victims of these atrocities, with the courageous Parisians and with the 100+ French RAN colleagues who have been working non-stop since Friday's atrocities to provide immediate support to the victims.

The scale and tactics of the terrorist acts committed last Friday are deeply worrying. It's clear that all available tools within our counter terrorism capability need to be enhanced. Prevent efforts are needed even more than before too. The RAN is a unique tool for you and other practitioners to detect, develop and deploy best practices.

Following such attacks, there is always a risk of copycat style attacks, and attacks against those communities wrongly perceived as being responsible. Preventing radicalisation is key – fighting terrorism can only be successful if we remove the soil out of which it grows. I trust that you find the strength and wisdom to contribute to this huge challenge. However, first I invite you to join in one minute of silence, in memory of the victims, at noon today. Many of you will be at work at relevant places, such as schools, community centres and prisons, and are ideally placed to motivate others to participate in the minute of silence.

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