

RECENT EVENT IN PARIS

Briefing by French Ambassador to Australia HE Mr. Christophe LECOURTIER

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Ten News Ursula	Ambassador's concern How is this event serious for France What is the French government's reaction? Implication for the Muslim community in France	I am deeply affected by the news when I heard this report on the television yesterday evening. This event has shocked the nation and its people to the very core of our being. This horrendous crime also touches the Freedom of expression and the Freedom of the Press, 2 fundamental values that France and the world hold high. The first reaction of the French President is to strongly condemn this act of violence. The second, the Government has called on all communities and political parties to be unified against terrorism. The French government has called all communities in France to rally together to condemn this act. It has been followed by thousands and thousands in Paris but also in all major cities such as Lyon and Marseille, where the Muslim communities are the largest.

<p>SBS « World News »</p> <p>Karen Boyle</p>	<p>Reaction</p> <p>Is this an attack on French people?</p>	<p>Obviously, we are all shocked and feel a strong sadness for the family.</p> <p>This is an attack against ‘the freedom of expression’, ‘the very freedom the Republic protects’</p>
<p>Channel 9</p> <p>Ebony</p>	<p>Reactions</p> <p>Has Australia need to fear anything?</p>	<p>France and its people are shocked by this terrible event.</p> <p>We should not give in to terrorist acts which are to intimidate and force us to change our beliefs and our core values.</p>
<p>Channel 7</p> <p>Maria</p>	<p>Reactions</p> <p>How Australian can express their condolences</p>	<p>France and its people are shocked by this terrible event.</p> <p>Condolence books are open at the Embassy in Canberra and Consulate in Sydney for those who wish to leave a message.</p>
<p>The Canberra Times</p> <p>Megan Gorrey</p>	<p>What is your reaction to these shocking events?</p> <p>What will be the next step now?</p> <p>What is your message</p>	<p>Like everybody in France and around the world, I do not have enough words to describe how I feel about this event. I grew up with the cartoonists of this newspaper, they represent what is France is all about: free to express ones concerns and opinions.</p> <p>To find the people behind this action and bring them to justice. Nationally, a Vigipirate Plan has been increased to its highest level.</p> <p>My message is to present to each family my deepest condolences and that France</p>

	<p>to the families of those killed?</p> <p>How can Australians help or support the French at this time?</p> <p>What do you think the world needs to do now?</p> <p>After the Sydney siege, this – do we need to change the way we live – relook at security?</p>	<p>shares their grief.</p> <p>The support and the Prime Minister’s declaration this morning are what we need right now, to know that we are not alone and that people around the world care.</p> <p>On a global aspect, France together with all nations, Australia included, is working towards eradicating extremism.</p> <p>I don’t think we need to nor should we change the way we live, because that will mean that we give up or give in to these terrorist attacks. We need to stand tall and be unified to fight against this movement so the world can be a better place.</p>
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