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Car rams police van on Champs-Élysées (Paris, France)

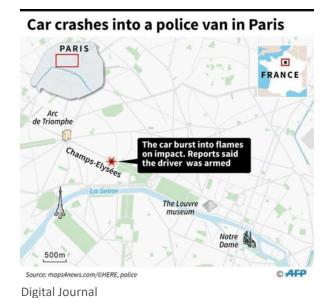
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1) Key Facts:

- 1. June 19, 15:40h (Paris local time).
- 2. A man attempted to ram his vehicle into a police car on Champs-Élysées.
- 3. Main attendance of tourist and local population.
- 4. No killed and 2 wounded.
- 5. The suspect: Djaziri Adam Lotfi, 31 years. A french resident of Tunisian origin of the northwestern Paris suburb of Argenteuil. He was killed during the attack.

- 6. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.
- 7. Four people arrested.



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2) Background and other related events.

- 1. The Champs-Élysées was the site of the 2017 shooting of Paris police officers in April 20th.
- 2. The newspaper Le Monde reported that since January 2015, terrorist attacks in France have left 239 dead.
- 3. The used modus operandi is the same that in the last terrorist attacks that have taken place in Europe.

4. Jihadist attacks perpetrated in Europe since the beginning of 2015 have shown that the threat of Islamist terrorism is for the whole continent.



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3) Description:

On Monday, June 19, at 15:40h pm Paris local time, a man attempted to ram his white Renault Megane into a police car on the heavily guarded Champs-Élysées, in Paris.

The car contained an AK-47 assault rifle, handguns, and a gas canister. The attack vehicle also contained a quantity of explosives sufficient to blow this car up.



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The attacker was killed and the incident is under investigation as possible terrorism.

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The attacker was identified as Djaziri Adam Lotfi, 31 years, had been included on the "S" file since 2015. It means that he was an individual considered to be a serious threat to national security. The reason for his inclusion on the fiche S was his belonging to the "radical islamist movement".

French police has detained the ex-wife, father, brother and sister-in-law of Djaziri Adam Lotfi.

The family members were taken into custody after being questioned by

police at the family home, according to judicial sources.



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The Department of Interior stated that explosives have been found in his car.

The French Minister of the Home Office, Gérard Collomb, spoke of a planned attack.

4) Assessment:

The attack has not been claimed for any terrorist group though all the evidences make think that it could have been the Daesh

This attack follows the same standard of behaviour of the rest of assaults that has existed in Europe.

To cause the terror the terrorists know that they need a limited group of young persons with determination to die for the jihadist cause, slightly materially and cheaply (weapon, explosives, car, etc.) and a place with abundance of people (stadiums, emblematic places, etc.).

With this type of actions the terrorists manage a high number of victims, advertising and to generate the chaos in the population. The aims of the assaults are announced previously though without determining either place or date.

Attacks on soft targets have been promoted by Daesh since last year

In this case last June 12th the spokesman of the Daesh called Lone Wolves in America, Australia, Europe, and Russia to Attack, Rallies Fighters in Ramadan Speech. He exclaimed: "And to the brothers of creed and faith in Europe, America, Russia, and Australia and elsewhere! Your brothers in your land preceded you, so do as they did and follow their actions. Know that Paradise is under the shade of the swords".



The profile of the attackers in Europe is almost always similar. They are European descendants of Moslem immigrants Maghrebian or sub-Saharan, suspended in the phase of social ascent as consequence of a life placed in the suburbs of the cities in which they were living.

The islamist terrorism makes them feel part of a community. Citing documents in evidence they are European but they feel victims of the social marginalization and the only exit of the frustration is the jihad.

The combination of the factors poverty, the religion and the cultural situation is one of the reasons of the current attacks.

Djaziri Adam Lotfi was a French citizen, born in France but with Tunisian origin. His profile coincides with that of persons of humble origin and with no formal education.

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For more information about the assaults of the Daesh, please check the Quick Report: Suicide Attack in Manchester.

6) Open sources:

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