

Europe must 'wake up' to terror threats

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A top member of France's government has said European countries must "wake up" to terror threats because of the attacks on Paris on November the 13th. French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve told reporters that: "It is urgent that Europe wakes up, organises itself and defends itself against the terrorist

threat." The Paris attacks left 129* people dead, with over 350 injured. Dozens of those injured are still in hospital in critical condition. Mr Cazeneuve said Europe must tighten its borders as it was too easy for terrorists to move around Europe. One of the Paris attackers entered Europe from Syria through Greece. He was reportedly pretending to be a Syrian refugee.

The French Ambassador Francois Richier echoed Mr Cazeneuve's words. He said: "I believe no country in the world will tolerate this. Terrorism is an important issue. It needs to be addressed. We are currently raising this issue at the UN Security Council this week and will propose an amendment against terrorism." More and more countries are joining the fight against terrorism. The British government wants to take part in air strikes in Syria. Britain's leader will soon ask politicians to vote on this. Russia is also very active in air strikes on terrorist targets in Syria following the bombing of a Russian passenger plane over Egypt on October the 31st that killed 224 people.

*This number now stands at 130.

Sources: *BBC / NewIndianExpress / WashingtonPost*

Writing

All border controls around the world should be stronger. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

government / wake up / terror / attacks / threat / defend / dozens / injured / refugee / ambassador / tolerate / important / issue / currently / air strikes / politicians / plane

True / False

- The article says France's president said Europe must wake up. T / F
- France's interior minister said European countries must wake up. T / F
- The interior minister said Europe must tighten its borders. T / F
- One of the Paris attackers may have entered Europe through Greece. T / F
- An ambassador to France agreed with the interior minister's words. T / F
- France has no plans to talk to the UN Security Council. T / F
- Britain's government does not want to take part in air strikes. T / F
- A Russian passenger plane was bombed in October. T / F

Synonym Match

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|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. threats | a. hurt |
| 2. urgent | b. making believe |
| 3. injured | c. join in |
| 4. tighten | d. crucial |
| 5. pretending | e. repeated |
| 6. echoed | f. dangers |
| 7. tolerate | g. tackled |
| 8. addressed | h. after |
| 9. take part | i. accept |
| 10. following | j. strengthen |

Discussion – Student A

- Would / do you feel safe walking around European cities?
- Will the 'war on terror' ever be won?
- What can the UN Security Council do about terrorism?
- What do you think of more countries bombing in Syria?
- Is it better to talk or drop bombs?
- Do you think this situation will get better or worse?
- What advice do you have for the people of Paris?
- What questions would you like to ask France's president?

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Phrase Match

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| 1. A top member of | a. words |
| 2. organises itself and | b. this issue |
| 3. in hospital in critical | c. to be a Syrian refugee |
| 4. Europe must tighten | d. passenger plane |
| 5. He was reportedly pretending | e. France's government |
| 6. echoed Mr Cazeneuve's | f. condition |
| 7. no country in the world will | g. defends itself |
| 8. We are currently raising | h. air strikes |
| 9. take part in | i. its borders |
| 10. the bombing of a Russian | j. tolerate this |

Discussion – Student B

- How has terrorism affected your country?
- How old is terrorism?
- Why is there terrorism in Europe now?
- What should Europe do to 'wake up' to terror threats?
- How much do you worry about terrorism?
- Should European countries tighten all their borders?
- Where else in the world is there terrorism?
- What will Europe be like in 20 years from now?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. d	3. a	4. j	5. b
6. e	7. i	8. g	9. c	10. h

Role Play

Role A – Lack of jobs

You think a lack of jobs is the biggest cause of terrorism. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why things do not really cause terrorism. Also, tell the others which of these has the least effect on terrorism (and why): a lack of education, religion or the Internet.

Role B – Lack of education

You think a lack of education is the biggest cause of terrorism. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why things do not really cause terrorism. Also, tell the others which of these has the least effect on terrorism (and why): a lack of jobs, religion or the Internet.

Role C – Religion

You think religion is the biggest cause of terrorism. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why things do not really cause terrorism. Also, tell the others which of these has the least effect on terrorism (and why): a lack of education, a lack of jobs or the Internet.

Role D – The Internet

You think the Internet is the biggest cause of terrorism. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why things do not really cause terrorism. Also, tell the others which of these has the least effect on terrorism (and why): a lack of education, religion or a lack of jobs.

Speaking – Causes

Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest causes of terrorism at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- lack of jobs
- lack of education
- religion
- lack of tolerance
- foreign policy
- the Internet
- migration
- politics

Answers – True False

a	F	b	T	c	T	d	T	e	F	f	F	g	F	h	T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.