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## **Level 4**

### **Belgium arrests two over New Year terror plot**

**31st December, 2015**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1512/151231-terror-plot-4.html>

Police in Belgium arrested two people suspected of planning terror attacks on New Year's Eve. They made six arrests but released four people. Police found military clothing and Islamic State propaganda, but no weapons or explosives. They said: "Our investigation revealed serious threats of an attack on symbolic places in Brussels during New Year's Eve." The police did not say whether the suspects were male or female, nor if they were looking for other suspects.

The arrests are not linked to the Paris attacks that killed 130 people. Brussels has been on high alert since Paris. The city shut schools, universities and the Metro for several days. The city was put on the highest state of alert. Brussels has been at the centre of investigations into the Paris attacks after it was found that two of the suicide bombers lived in Belgium. Other major European cities are also on alert. Police are warning citizens to be watchful.

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/1613679/two-held-over-brussels-new-years-terror-plot>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-35192511>  
<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/two-people-with-isis-propaganda-7085757>

# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1512/151231-terror-plot-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. people suspected of planning | a. in Brussels          |
| 2. They made six arrests but    | b. male or female       |
| 3. weapons or                   | c. terror attacks       |
| 4. serious threats              | d. for other suspects   |
| 5. symbolic places              | e. explosives           |
| 6. The police did               | f. released four people |
| 7. whether the suspects were    | g. not say              |
| 8. they were looking            | h. of an attack         |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The arrests are not linked  | a. bombers              |
| 2. Brussels has been           | b. state of alert       |
| 3. several                     | c. are also on alert    |
| 4. put on the highest          | d. on high alert        |
| 5. at the centre of            | e. be watchful          |
| 6. suicide                     | f. to the Paris attacks |
| 7. Other major European cities | g. investigations       |
| 8. warning citizens to         | h. days                 |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1512/151231-terror-plot-4.html>

Police in Belgium arrested two people suspected (1) \_\_\_\_\_ attacks on New Year's Eve. They made six arrests (2) \_\_\_\_\_ people. Police found (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and Islamic State propaganda, but no weapons or explosives. They said: "Our investigation revealed (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of an attack on symbolic places in Brussels during New Year's Eve." The police (5) \_\_\_\_\_ whether the suspects were male or female, (6) \_\_\_\_\_ looking for other suspects.

The arrests (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to the Paris attacks that killed 130 people. Brussels has been (8) \_\_\_\_\_ since Paris. The city shut schools, universities and the Metro (9) \_\_\_\_\_. The city was put on the highest state of alert. Brussels has been at the centre of investigations into the Paris attacks (10) \_\_\_\_\_ that two of the suicide (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in Belgium. Other major European cities are also on alert. Police are warning citizens (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# TERROR SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1512/151231-terror-plot-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about terror in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

|      | STUDENT 1<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.2. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.3. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.4. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.5. |                    |                    |                    |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) \_\_\_\_\_
- h) \_\_\_\_\_

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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) \_\_\_\_\_
- h) \_\_\_\_\_

# FREE WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1512/151231-terror-plot-4.html>

Write about **terror** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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