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Belgium arrests two over New Year terror plot

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1512/151231-terror-plot-5.html>

Police in Belgium have arrested two people suspected of planning terror attacks on New Year's Eve. Police initially made six arrests but released four people. Investigators 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 the celebrations for New Year's Eve." The two suspects were arrested following searches in Brussels and across Belgium. 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 November Paris attacks in which 130 people died. Brussels has been on high alert since Paris. In the wake of those attacks, schools, universities and the Metro were shut in Brussels for several days. The city was put on the highest state of alert as authorities warned of a "serious and imminent" threat. Brussels has been at the centre of investigations into the Paris attacks after it emerged that two of the suicide bombers had lived in Belgium. Other major European cities are also on alert. Police are warning citizens to be vigilant.

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

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. two people suspected of | a. for New Year's Eve |
| 2. military | b. following searches |
| 3. Our investigation revealed serious | c. planning terror attacks |
| 4. an attack on symbolic | d. other suspects |
| 5. during the celebrations | e. clothing |
| 6. The two suspects were arrested | f. not say |
| 7. The police did | g. places |
| 8. looking for | h. threats |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|----------------------|
| 1. The arrests are not linked to the November | a. state of alert |
| 2. In the wake | b. are also on alert |
| 3. The city was put on the highest | c. Paris attacks |
| 4. a serious and | d. to be vigilant |
| 5. at the centre of | e. bombers |
| 6. suicide | f. of those attacks |
| 7. Other major European cities | g. investigations |
| 8. Police are warning citizens | h. imminent threat |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Police in Belgium (1) _____ people suspected of planning terror attacks on New Year's Eve. Police (2) _____ arrests but released four people. Investigators found military clothing and Islamic State propaganda, but no (3) _____. They said: "Our investigation revealed (4) _____ an attack on symbolic places in Brussels during the celebrations for New Year's Eve." The two suspects were arrested (5) _____ in Brussels and across Belgium. The police did not say whether the suspects were male or female, nor if they (6) _____ other suspects.

The arrests (7) _____ to the November Paris attacks in which 130 people died. Brussels has been (8) _____ since Paris. In the wake of those attacks, schools, universities and the Metro were shut in Brussels (9) _____. The city was put on the highest state of alert as authorities warned of a "serious and imminent" threat. Brussels has been (10) _____ investigations into the Paris attacks after it emerged (11) _____ suicide bombers had lived in Belgium. Other major European cities are also on alert. Police are warning citizens (12) _____.

TERROR SURVEY

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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 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
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)

