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## Paris attacks: A new type of terrorism?

By Laurence Peter

### Paris attacks

The scale of the near-simultaneous bombings and shootings in Paris has left France reeling in shock.

With nearly 130 people dead, along with eight suicide bombers, it is Europe's worst terrorist attack since the 2004 Madrid train bombings.

More than 500 French Muslims have gone to fight with jihadists in Syria and Iraq, experts say - more than from any other Western country. French warplanes have repeatedly attacked IS fighters in Syria and Iraq, as part of the US-led campaign against the group.

### What does the choice of targets suggest?

They were soft civilian targets in Paris - the intention was evidently to kill many people randomly.

The high-profile football match at the Stade de France was clearly a potential target. But the fact that three suicide bombers blew themselves up nearby at three eating places was unusual. France has not experienced such near-simultaneous bombings before.

Then the attack on Bataclan concert hall - again by suicide bombers - was also designed to kill ordinary young

French people having fun on a Friday night. It happened during a rock concert. More than 80 rock fans died in the mayhem

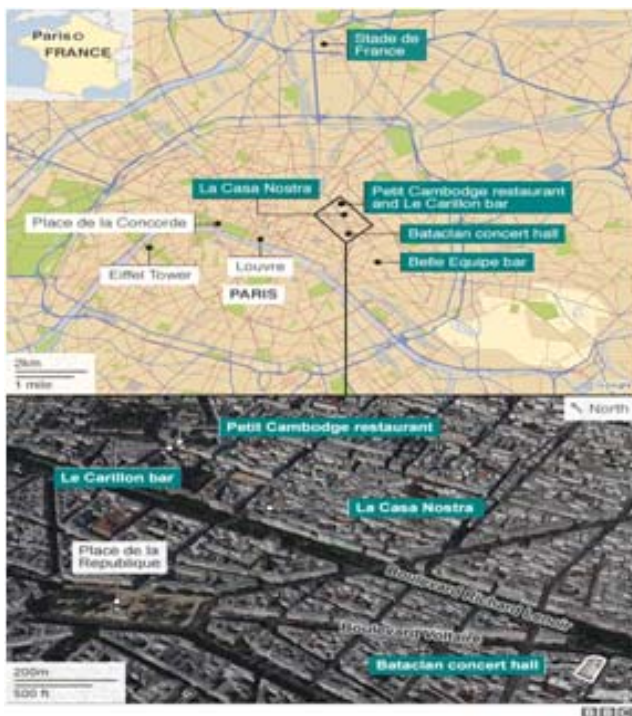
Some French commentators recalled the Moscow theatre siege of 2002, when Chechen militants stormed a live show. The attack and bungled Russian rescue left 130 hostages and 40 militants dead.

French journalist Agnes Poirier told the BBC that the 13 November bombers struck at "modest, working-class neighbourhoods, not tourist sites" in Paris.

The 10th and 11th districts (arrondissements) are "very diverse - that makes it more poignant for the French", she said.

Claiming responsibility for the carnage in Paris, IS said it was a "capital of abomination and perversion". It called the concert-goers

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It raises new, pressing questions about the ability of Western security forces to prevent such random carnage.

French President Francois Hollande called it an "act of war" organised by Islamic State (IS) militants.

### Why did this happen in Paris?

Paris has been on heightened alert since the January terror attacks, when Islamist gunmen attacked the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo, a policewoman and a Jewish supermarket, killing 17 people.

Amedy Coulibaly, who killed four hostages in the supermarket before being shot dead by police, claimed to be acting in the name of IS.

For many years some deprived housing estates in the suburbs of Paris and other cities have been fertile ground for Islamic extremists. Jihad has appeared seductive for some alienated young Muslims in areas of high unemployment and urban neglect.

## Where Is History Going?

By: Louis A. Palivos, B.A., M.S., J.D., and Ph.D.

**To the Hindu**, history is moving to the universe being beginningless, endless and unreal. The universe is destroyed and recreated every four billion years. Man is beginningless and goes through a series of reincarnations being a payback of one's karma. History is moving man to liberation which is obtained when an individual expands his being and consciousness to an infinite level and realizes that the self (*atman*) is the same as the One Absolute (*Brahman*), from which all else proceeds. In short, each Hindu is moving toward godhood by following various yoga schools (Jnana, knowledge and meditation; Bhakti, devotion to a deity; and karma, devotion to works, sacrifice, fasting and pilgrimage) and a learned guru. Pantheism reigns in matter, humans and animals, with millions of gods.

**To the Buddhist**, history is moving to *nirvana*, the elimination of all suffering, desires and the illusion that the self exists. For Buddha, the enlightened one, god is the Four Noble Truths: 1) Life is suffering; 2) Suffering is caused by desires for pleasure and prosperity; 3) Overcome suffering by overcoming desires; and 4) Desire can be overcome by the Eightfold Path: right knowledge (the Four Noble Truths), right intentions, right speech, right conduct, right occupation, right effort, right mindfulness and right meditation. The ultimate goal of history for a person is to go through reincarnations and overcome the self. Everything is God and God is everything.

**To the Muslim**, history is moving to a future Judgment Date, based on the following doctrines: 1) Allah is the one true God; 2) Allah has sent many prophets, among whom were Moses, Jesus and Mohammed, the last and greatest prophet; 3) Read and obey the Koran; 4) There are spiritual beings, angels which are good and evil; 5) Man's deeds will be weighted in the balance to either go to heaven or hell; 6) Praying five times a day, a yearly month of fasting and a once in a life pilgrimage to Mecca; and 7) Jihad, externally and internally. Martyrdom is an admission to heaven for men or for women. Allah will award those that did good deeds to enter heaven and those that have done bad deeds to go to hell. There is much that Muslims have in common with Christians.

**To the Christian**, history is moving to either heaven or hell and a new creation. According to St. Paul, creation is subjected to futility... to corruption...and groans for redemption. Rom. 8:20-22. Further, St. John writes that in the future, there will be a "new heaven and a new earth." Rev. 21:1. Furthermore, St. Paul writes that believers will have a "spiritual body." I Cor. 15: 44. Greek Theology calls this restoration *apocatastasis*. However, hell will be a place for those who chose to reject God's eternal offer of Love and Grace. Man's free will has two ultimate destinations, either heaven or hell. Can anyone use force to have his/her children love him/her? God allows eternal free will to his children. The Christian God is a *philanthropos* (lover of man) and does not wish that any person should perish. We may hope that all will be saved, but clearly the Scriptures speak otherwise; because, the gate "that leads to life and those who find it are few." Mat. 7:14. However, with God's infinite Love and Grace, let us hope for the salvation of all. A small number of Fathers like Isaac the Syrian and Gregory of Nyssa wrote that there may be redemption even of the *evil one*. Yet, believers now, here, taste heaven in the Church, in their family, in union with "the cloud of witnesses" in heaven. Heb. 12:1. Let us run to seek the prize of eternal salvation with faithfulness and righteousness, lest we fall from the ladder to heaven, like some of the monks in John Climacus's, *the Ladder of Divine Ascension*.

**Non-believers** please consider the penitent thief on the cross, who said to Jesus, "Lord remember me when you come into Your Kingdom." And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise." Lk. 23:42-43. The penitent thief put his faith in Jesus.

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## National Hellenic Museum opens the first ever exhibition in the United States on the Aegean Sea



The National Hellenic Museum opens the first ever exhibition to explore the 20-million-year evolution of Homer's "wine-dark sea." Inspiring some of the world's greatest civilizations, the Aegean Sea and its dazzling islands have been shaped by volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, tectonic shifts, and violent weather phenomena over 20-million-years. Rich with audiovisual material and tangible artifacts that include underwater findings, 20-million-year fossils, and a 14-meter petrified tree trunk, this exhibition will showcase the key role of geological activity and mineral wealth in the evolution of civilizations, attracting and fascinating both children and adults.

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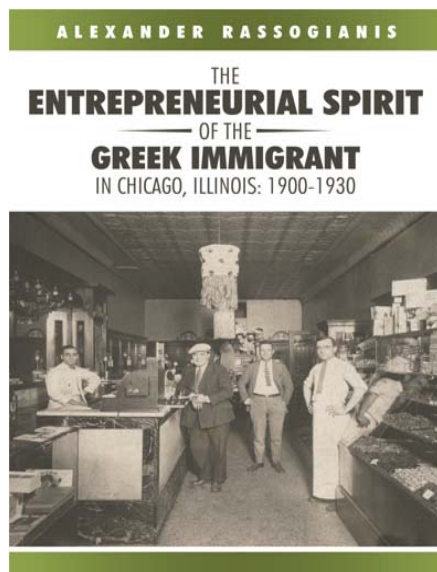
Dr. William A. Parkinson, Curator of Eurasian Anthropology at The Field Museum of Natural History and Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Illinois at Chicago

Dr. Nickolas Zouros, Professor at the University of the Aegean and Director of the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest

WHY: Visitors at The Field Museum this winter will get a once-in-a-lifetime look at 5,000 years of Greek innovation and influence on Western civilization in *The Greeks—Agamemnon to Alexander the Great* open from November 25, 2015 to April 10, 2016. As co-presenter of the exhibition, the National Hellenic Museum will provide unique context and background to the exhibit at The Field by showcasing the past storyline of Greece, how it all began with the geological history of the Aegean Sea.

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### Author traces roots of Greek entrepreneurs in Chicago Alexander Rassogianis releases new book about entrepreneurial spirit of Greek immigrants

BERWYN, Ill. – Author Alexander Rassogianis came from a family of Greek immigrants who developed their own business in Chicago. Theirs is a story of how America opened its doors to those who are willing to contribute to the American society. Theirs is also a story of self-sacrifice.

According to the author, Greek immigrants came to Chicago in droves in the early 1900s, and most of them made immediate contributions to the city. The concept of success to the male Greek immigrant was to build capital and open his own business. In this book, Rassogianis invites readers to celebrate the history of a hardworking people and learn lessons about business and life by studying "*The Entrepreneurial Spirit of the Greek Immigrant in Chicago, Illinois: 1900-1930*" (published by iUniverse). He interviewed 20 men who went through the journey from immigrant to entrepreneur, recording their authentic experiences.

"The book focuses on the price to do this [opening a business], which involved hardship, long hours of hard work, self-sacrifice and perseverance," Rassogianis says. He also adds that the Greek immigrants, being individualistic, were willing to take the risks in order to avoid working for others and ensure the independence of their livelihood. He shares how they were able to achieve this feat amidst the difficulties.

"*The Entrepreneurial Spirit of the Greek Immigrant in Chicago, Illinois: 1900-1930*" is an enlightening and inspiring read that imparts to readers the importance of determination and perseverance.

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“pagans”.

Shashank Joshi, a security policy expert at London's Royal United Services Institute, said there was clearly a “cultural” aspect to the choice of targets.

“It was a deliberate choice of leisure venues - where people relax,” he told the BBC. The bombers went for crowded places, portrayed by IS as immoral, he said.

**Was this like previous terror attacks in cities?**

According to Mr Joshi, the closest parallel is the Mumbai (Bombay) attack of 2008, carried out by Pakistan-based Islamist militants.



They brought terror to the streets of Mumbai, staging simultaneous gun and bomb attacks across the city.

In Europe, the Paris carnage has reminded people of the devastating train bombings in Madrid (2004) and London (2005), which were also carried out by Islamist militants.

Jews were targeted in some previous Islamist terror attacks - in Paris in January, in the attack on the Brussels Jewish Museum in 2014, and in the 2012 shootings by Toulouse gunman

Mohamed Merah. He killed a rabbi and three small children at a Jewish school.

Anti-Semitic attacks by jihadists are often linked to Arab hostility towards Israel. This new atrocity in Paris shows that the militants “have no single priority or hierarchy” when choosing targets, Mr Joshi said.

Pieter Van Ostaeyen, a Belgian expert on jihadist groups, said IS appeared to be “signalling that it can attack anytime, anywhere, and we cannot prevent it”.

It was highly coordinated and probably took months of training, he told the BBC.

There have been similar suicide attacks in Syria and Iraq, where militants have used up all their bullets, then blown themselves up in a crowd, he said. But never before in France.

But Mr Joshi said these were not necessarily Middle East war veterans, or weapons experts.

“They were prepared, yes, but they have not proven a high level of marksmanship - their preparation may have been quite basic.”

**Was it a French security blunder?**

Neither Mr Joshi nor Mr Van Ostaeyen thinks so.

“You can't guard all soft targets,” Mr Joshi said. “It's more about responding to events, having communications between the arms of the state, strong leadership, controlling the flow of information, to minimise panic.”

According to Mr Van Ostaeyen: “France has done everything it could do... it's too early to say they could have prevented it”.

## PICTURES OF THE WORLD



French President Francois Hollande has spoken of waging “a pitiless war” against those responsible for the latest horrors in Paris. The rhetoric is strong. Security has been stepped up. Troops have been drafted in.



Mohammed Emwazi - or Jihadi John, as he was known - was apparently killed in darkness. Officials on both sides of the Atlantic had been tracking him for some time, trying to sort out where he was - and how to “put him out of business”, as one former US official said.



Human societies will soon start to experience adverse effects from manmade climate change, a prominent economist has warned. Prof Richard Tol predicts the downsides of warming will outweigh the advantages with a global warming of 1.1C - which has nearly been reached already.



Russian military action in Syria is increasing the number of refugees trying to reach Europe, European Council President Donald Tusk has said. Speaking at a G20 summit in Turkey, Mr Tusk said Russia should focus more on Islamic State (IS) militants and not against “moderate Syrian opposition”. Russia has been carrying out air strikes it says target IS. But many in the west fear the real aim is to keep Moscow's ally, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, in power.



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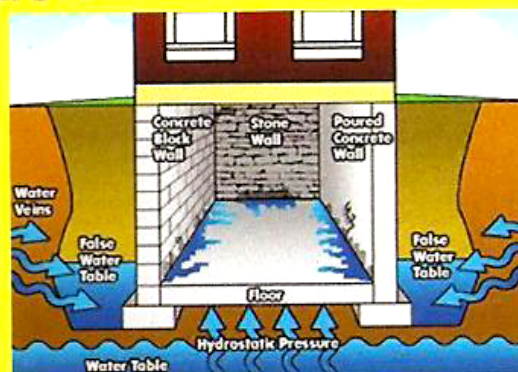
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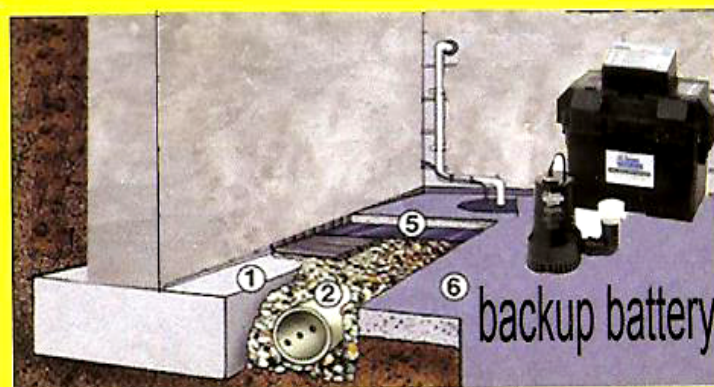
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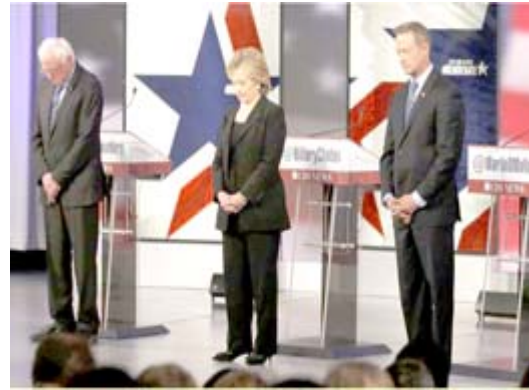
Every time I start thinking too much about how I look, I just find a pub with a happy hour and by the time I leave, I look just fine.

## Democrats argue over Islamic State fight after Paris attacks

The Democratic presidential hopefuls have clashed over how to deal with militant group Islamic State, in the wake of deadly terror attacks in Paris.

Hillary Clinton, speaking on a debate stage in Iowa, said "it cannot be an American fight" and called on Turkey and the Gulf states to do more.

But rival Martin O'Malley disagreed and said the US had to "stand up to evil" and lead from the front.



A moment's silence was observed in Des Moines before the debate began, and the three candidates expressed their condolences to the French people.

But then they clashed over the rise of IS, which has claimed responsibility for the atrocities.

Mrs Clinton, the former secretary of state, was challenged by Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders for backing the Iraq War, which he says led to the rise of the militants.

She disagreed, saying US foreign policy did not have the "bulk of responsibility" for the instability in the region, pointing instead to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and Iraq's former leader, Nouri al-Maliki.

This was a debate that was going to be focused on domestic policy but the attacks in Paris meant the first half-hour was dominated by foreign policy. It was a discussion that Mrs Clinton as former secretary of state should have aced but she didn't. She seemed tense and on the defensive as her rivals and the moderators challenged her on record and Mr Obama's legacy. While she demonstrated better knowledge and grasp of the issues, neither she nor her Democratic rivals really gave a detailed plan on how to defeat or contain the so-called Islamic State.

Mr Sanders and Mr O'Malley had clearly made a decision ahead of the debate that they would not play nice with the frontrunner this time. This made the second Democratic debate feistier and more spirited but still civil. The road to the nomination is still close to impossible for the two men but they're not giving up.

The US has been part of a coalition of countries taking part in air strikes against IS in Syria and Iraq, but some of the Republican presidential candidates have called for the deployment of US ground forces.

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## Holder of Syrian passport found in Paris attack sought asylum in Serbia

The holder of a Syrian passport found near the body of one of the gunmen who died in Friday night's attacks in Paris passed through Serbia last month where he sought asylum, the Serbian Interior Ministry said.

"One of the suspected terrorists, A.A., who is of interest to the French security



agencies, was registered on the Presevo border crossing on October 7 this year, where he formally sought asylum," the ministry said in a statement.

The Presevo border crossing separates Serbia from the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM).

"Checks have confirmed that his details match those of the person who on October 3 was identified in Greece. There was no Interpol warrant issued against this person."

Greek authorities had said on Saturday the passport matched that used by a refugee who arrived on the Greek island of Leros on Oct. 3.

## Second Paris attacker may have crossed through Greece

A second man suspected to have been among the attackers in Paris on Friday is very likely to have entered Europe through Greece, Greek government sources said on Saturday evening.

Earlier, a Greek government minister said the holder of a Syrian passport found near the body of one of the gunmen who



died in the attacks in Paris had passed through the Greek island of Leros in October. "It is very likely that a second suspect also passed through Greece. The investigation is continuing," one of the sources said.

## Greeks hold little hope for country's economy

Seven in 10 Greeks are pessimistic about the country's economic prospects while only a minority believe that the SYRIZA-led administration will manage to end foreign supervision of the debt-hit country, a new study has shown.

According to the study carried out by experts at the University of Macedonia for Skai TV, 21.5 percent said that the economic situation will remain the same,

while only 6.5 percent were optimistic that things will improve.

Meanwhile, 73.5 percent said that the government will not manage to end austerity.

Questioned about the upcoming



election for a new New Democracy leader, most of the respondents expressed support for interim party chief Evangelos Meimarakis.

Apostolos Tzitzikostas, Kyriakos Mitsotakis and Adonis Georgiadis followed in popularity.

## Employment declines by more than 56,000 jobs in October

Employment shrank considerably last month, as according to the Labor Ministry's Ergani database, salaried jobs declined by 56,473 in October, with the balance between hirings and departures negative for the fourth month in succession.



The salaried employment data showed 183,923 hirings last

month and 240,396 departures, of which 183,923 were voluntary and 56,473 were fixed-term contracts. In total, more than 56,000 jobs were lost.

In total, the first 10 months of 2015 saw 116,548 more departures than hirings, a 20 percent decline in jobs.

## Europe's walls go up, shaping politics after Paris mass murders

The euro crisis decimated the notion of continent-wide prosperity; the Paris mass murders have done the same to the late 20th century European belief in open borders, within Europe and externally.

As French investigators probe the backgrounds of the killers, some French-born, one possibly a Syrian jihadist who slipped into Europe as a refugee, the anti-immigration parties are in the ascendant. They will shape Europe's politics and economics for years to come.

We expect even stricter immigration policies, including a more openly hostile and suspicious atti-

tude toward the few that will be allowed into Europe.

The consequences will resonate beyond the vexed question of refugee policy, affecting if and when the 28-nation European Union takes in new countries, who joins (or leaves) the euro zone, whether Britain bolts from the EU and how the bloc gets along with Vladimir Putin's assertive Russia.

### Legacy at risk

U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron's planned referendum by 2017 that could take Britain out of the EU was a response to euroskeptic sentiment within his Conservative party.



The same issue threatens to hijack negotiations that were opened last week over reforming Britain's membership terms. In Germany, Chancellor Angela Merkel is already under fire for inviting an estimated 1 million asylum seekers into the country this year. Those policies and her legacy are now at risk of fraying.

"Renewed concerns about the potential risks associated with immigration could play into the hands of the euroskeptic 'Leave' campaign," Antonio Barroso, an analyst at Teneo Intelligence in London, said in a research note.



death toll of at least 129 people made the Paris attacks the bloodiest since the Madrid train station bombings of 2004, which achieved their goal of prompting a Spanish retreat from the U.S.-led war in Iraq. But neither Madrid nor the London bombings of 2005 put Europe on a war footing.

### Europe's 'shattered' image

With the European Commission estimating 3 million asylum seekers potentially heading toward Europe by 2017, the migration debate will become even more fraught, tinged with racial and religious undertones. Poland's new government will backtrack on the previous government's commitment to shelter a quota of refugees under a new EU law, the incoming European affairs minister, Konrad Szymanski, was quoted as saying on Wpoltityce.pl website.

The migration crisis has already shattered the "image of a democratic and globally engaged Europe" that was

promulgated in 2001 in the run-up to a European constitutional convention. The constitution was stillborn, doomed ironically in France by the same combination of anti-globalization left and anti-foreigner right that continues to fight over the country's direction and has left its economy adrift, unable to retain parity with Germany.

As jihadists penetrate Europe's external borders, the internal borders are no longer lines on maps, invisible to drivers and air and train travelers. The future of passport-free travel between most European countries — declared at risk by EU President Donald Tusk even before the Paris atrocities — hangs in the balance.

### Schengen at risk

France reimposed border checks as the Paris manhunt got under way. Five other countries have temporarily suspended the passport-free arrangements to

cope with the refugee flow, and there were calls for a wholesale review of the Schengen system, named for the Luxembourg town where the open-borders treaty was signed in 1985.

This event can be expected to strengthen the argument of those groups that have been calling for a halt in the flow of immigrants and the closing of borders in countries such as Germany, Sweden and much of central and eastern Europe.

In an echo of the U.S. debate over immigration, the dominant European issue now is sealing the frontiers, with economically prostrate Greece as the EU's first line of defense in the Aegean Sea. Months after begging for money to keep Greece in the euro, Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras has new leverage over his creditors.

The thing he will try and play out is to obtain as much financial support for beefing up the external borders of his country as he can possibly muster, but I'm not sure whether that will spill over to other economic policy areas.

### Putin at the table

Also seeking to ingratiate himself is Putin of Russia, which is under EU trade and investment sanctions over its promotion of the rebellion in eastern Ukraine. As Putin recalls his post-9/11 script and again bills himself as the West's ally in stomping out terrorism, he needs only one EU country to break ranks and vote to end the sanctions in January.

One politician urging a rapprochement with Russia is former French President Nicolas Sarkozy, hoping to regain his old job in the next election in 2017. Sarkozy on Sunday demanded a tougher foreign policy.

French President Francois Hollande, already the most unpopular French leader in modern times, now has a second Paris terrorist attack to answer for, after the murders at the Charlie Hebdo satirical magazine and a Jewish supermarket in January.

The next electoral test in France is the vote for regional assemblies in December. The jockeying is on over who will make more political capital out of the mood of fear and insecurity: Sarkozy of the center-right, or National Front leader Marine Le Pen.



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