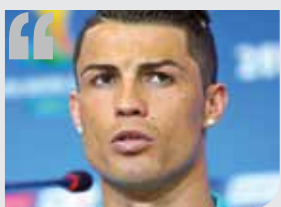




"I want to send my condolences and all my support to the families and friends of the victims of the terrible attack in our beloved Barcelona, in addition to totally rejecting any act of violence,"

Barcelona star
Lionel Messi



"Dismayed at the news coming from Barcelona. All the support and solidarity to the family and friends of the victims,"

Real Madrid's
Cristiano Ronaldo



"All my support for the families affected and the city,"

Spanish tennis player
Rafael Nadal



"What sadness, all my solidarity with the victims and their families. A lot of strength Barcelona."

Spanish footballer
Iker Casillas



"No to terrorism. No to the dictatorship of fear. Stop terrorism,"

Real Madrid captain
Sergio Ramos



"Deeply saddened by the attack on our city. All our thoughts are with the victims, their families and with the people of Barcelona."

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Moments of 'chaos and panic' in Spain

Barcelona

At least 14 people were killed and more than 100 others injured after drivers slammed into pedestrians in two quick-succession, separate attacks on Barcelona's most popular street and in another busy Spanish seaside town.

What happened?

An explosion in a house late Wednesday in Alcanar, about 200 kilometres (125 miles) south of Barcelona, left one person dead and seven wounded.

Initially treated as a random gas blast, police later linked it to the Barcelona assault, believing occupants of the house were preparing an explosive device inside. One of four suspects later arrested was detained in Alcanar.

Around 4:50 pm (1450 GMT) on Thursday, a vehicle ploughed into a crowd of pedestrians on the famous Las Ramblas boulevard in Barcelona.

The promenade in the heart of the city is one of Barcelona's busiest streets, normally thronged with tourists and street performers until well into the night.

Witnesses described scenes of chaos and panic, with bodies strewn along the boulevard as others fled for their lives.

The driver fled on foot. Police have since said he may be among several suspects killed in the hours since the mayhem started.

Second attack

Some eight hours after the Barcelona attack, an Audi

Australian caught up in Barcelona, Paris, London attacks

London

An Australian woman who fled in fear from the Barcelona attack has told how she was caught up in two other recent terror incidents in Paris and London during her European travels.

"I was in London at the time

of the London Bridge attack, and we were also at Notre Dame the day the attack took place there too," Julia Monaco, a 26-year-old from Melbourne, told *BBC Radio 5 Live*.

She recounted how she and her friends took refuge inside a shop as crowds ran from a

vehicle as it ploughed through pedestrians on the famous Las Ramblas boulevard in Barcelona on Thursday afternoon.

"One minute everything was fine, and the next it was absolute pandemonium. Everyone just started

screaming and running, being told to get away from the windows," she said.

They lay on the ground, without knowing what was going on, before they were eventually allowed to leave and walked back to their hostel.



People wait before a minute of silence for the victims of the Barcelona attack at Plaza de Catalunya

A3 car hit pedestrians in the resort town of Cambrils, 120 kilometres (75 miles) to the south. Six civilians and a police officer were injured; one of the civilians, a woman, later died.

The five occupants of the car were killed by police.

When asked if the Barcelona driver may have been among those killed, Josep Lluís Traperó of Catalonia's police said "the investigation points in that direction," while cautioning that there was no "concrete proof".

Who are the victims?

Emergency services said at least 14 people had died and around 100 more were injured in the two attacks.

There were some three dozen nationalities among the dead and injured who came from countries as varied as France, Pakistan, Spain, the Netherlands, China, Venezuela, Mauritania, Australia, Britain and the United States.

At least one American was killed in the attacks, US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said.

Rome said two Italian nationals were killed including a man who died in front of his wife and young children, and Belgium said one of its citizens was among the fatalities.

A 74-year-old Portuguese woman was also among the dead, the government said, while a man called Tony Cadman launched a Facebook appeal for his seven-year-old grandson who is missing.

So far France appears to have the most citizens among the injured, reporting 28 wounded with eight gravely hurt.

Who is behind it?

The Islamic State's propaganda agency Amaq claimed that "soldiers" from the jihadist group carried out the Barcelona attack, according to the SITE Intelligence Group which monitors Islamist websites.

"The executors of the Barcelona attack were soldiers

took place. The three others were picked up in the town of Ripoll, 100 kilometres north of Barcelona.

None of them had any criminal record where "terrorism" is concerned, Traperó said, although some had committed petty crimes.

Only one of those held has been identified as Driss Oukabir.

Police are also looking for his brother Moussa, as well as three other people according to the Catalonia-based *La Vanguardia* newspaper.

The suspects were preparing an even bigger attack but were thwarted in their plans after the house explosion in Alcanar destroyed "the material they needed to commit attacks of an even bigger scope," Catalonia police say.

Terror attacks hit Catalonia

The Catalan government says an attack in the seaside resort town of Cambrils and an explosion in Alcanar are both linked to a deadly van attack on pedestrians in Barcelona's tourist district of Las Ramblas



A person is helped by Spanish policemen and two men after a van ploughed into the crowd