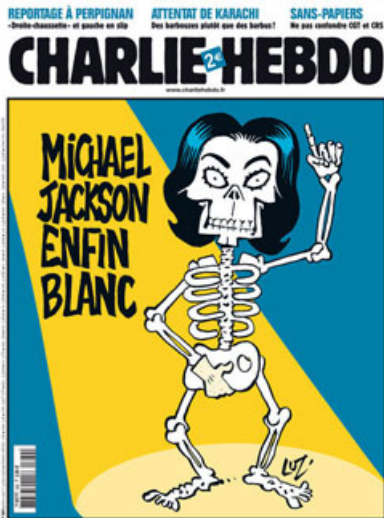


World's press condemns attack against *Charlie Hebdo*

PARIS, FRANCE / FRANKFURT, GERMANY: The World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers (WAN-IFRA) and the World Editors Forum condemn yesterday's attack against French satirical publication *Charlie Hebdo* that has left 12 dead and at least four seriously wounded (Video)...



From pop stars to Popes, religion to randy politicians... all are fair game for *Charlie Hebdo*.

"We condemn in the strongest possible terms this outrageous atrocity and stand together with the *Charlie Hebdo* team and the entire journalistic community in France in demanding justice for the victims," said WAN-IFRA CEO, Vincent Peyrègne.

"With 61 journalists killed in 2014 and the new year beginning under such horrific circumstances, we are reminded that an attack of this nature strikes at the heart of the very freedoms that the press in France so passionately defends. It is not just an attack against the press, but also an attack on the fabric of our society and the values for which we all stand. This should be a wake up call for all of us to counter the rising climate of hatred that threatens to fracture our understanding of democracy."

According to early reports, two heavily armed men entered the offices of the Paris-based weekly satirical magazine and opened fire. Shots were reportedly exchanged between the attackers and police as the two men made their escape. French President Francois Hollande has since confirmed that amongst the dead are journalists and police officers.

The incident has been officially called a terrorist attack and the French capital remains on high alert, with armed police guarding the offices of news organisations across the city.

Yesterday's incident follows an arson attack in 2011 that destroyed the publication's then headquarters, located in Paris' 20th arrondissement. The magazine has been defiant in continuing its critical satirical line despite subsequent threats.

For more:

- *The New York Times*: [Proud to Offend, Charlie Hebdo Carries Torch of Political Provocation...](#)
- *The Wall Street Journal*: [Charlie Hebdo Office in Paris Attacked by Gunmen; 12 Killed...](#)
- *CNN*: [Charlie Hebdo attack: Man turns himself in, agency reports...](#)
- *The Financial Times*: [Charlie Hebdo: Suspect surrenders to police in France...](#)
- *F. World*: [Paris attack live: Youngest gunman who surrendered now claims innocence...](#)
- *The Washington Post*: [France's tough task in reacting to the horrific attack on Charlie Hebdo...](#)
- *BBC*: [As it happened: Charlie Hebdo attack...](#)

Zapiro comments on Paris attack

[Zapiro: Attack on Charlie Hebdo 'worst we've seen in recent times'...](#) Cartoonist Zapiro says the shootings at *Charlie Hebdo* were not only an attack on the media, but on French society and secular societies more broadly.

For more, visit: <https://www.bizcommunity.com>