At Least 12 Dead in Shooting at Charlie Hebdo



reported.

One of the dead was a journalist; three police were also wounded, The Associated Press reported.

Reuters reported it's the same newspaper that's been bombed in the past for publishing cartoons about Muslim leaders.

France's Info radio said police at the scene said another five have been injured.

"About a half an hour ago, two black-hooded men entered the building with Klashnikovs," Benoit Bringer, a witness to the incident, told the French station. "A few minutes later, we heard lots of shots."

The attackers escaped and an alert has been sent through the community, said Luc Poignant, an official with the SBP police union, AP reported.

UPDATE <u>Charlie Hebdo</u> in Paris, French President Francois Hollande told reporters.

"This is a terrorist attack, there is no doubt about this," he said.

- Journalists and policemen are among the victims in the attack, Hollande said. He said it would be a few hours before a definite number of injured is known.
- British Prime Minister David Cameron reacted to the deadly shooting, saying on Twitter: "The murders in Paris are sickening. We stand with the French people in the fight

against terror and defending the freedom of the press."

<u>The BBC</u> is reporting 12 Dead, including 2 policemen, 10 injured:

12:42 - these are London time.

A Twitter campaign pledging support for the victims and the French magazine is gaining traction within moments of the first #JeSuisCharlie hashtag being posted.

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The White House has condemned the attack

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The attack took place in a busy part of Paris, not far from the centre and a passer-by tells the BBC: "The street's [often] used by drivers and Parisians to go from a place to another. The office is actually located in a place where a lot of people are going through."

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More pictures have emerged from the scene.



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The radical Islamic State group threatened to attack France minutes before Hebdo tweeted a satirical cartoon of the extremist group's leader giving New Year's wishes, AP says.

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The masked gunmen who carried out Wednesday's attack committed France's deadliest terror attack in at least two decades, AP says.

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French President Francois Hollande (second on the left) talks to the press upon his arrival at the headquarters of the French satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo.



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Two of the gunmen were dressed in typical jihadist "uniform" of black balaclavas, khaki ammunition pouches and were armed with Kalashnikovs, the BBC's Frank Gardner reports. They were heard shouting "Allahu Akbar".

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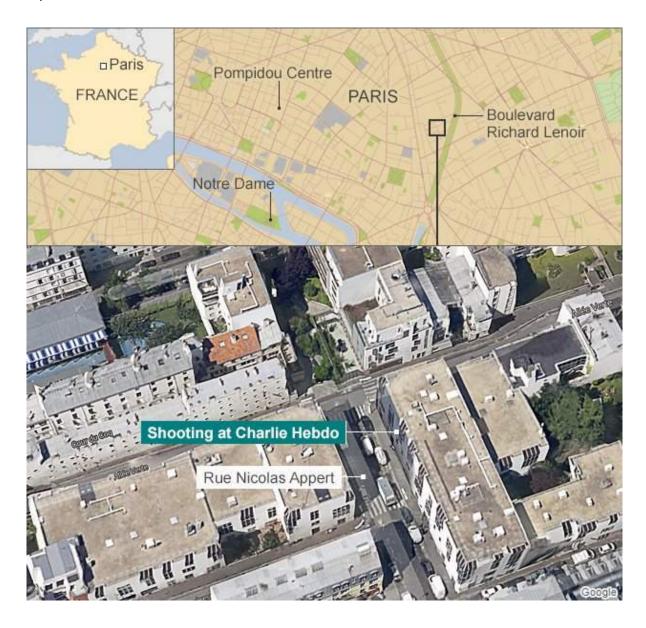
The gunmen were armed with Kalashnikovs and a rocketlauncher, AFP reports.

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The attack happened in central Paris, near some of the

capital's most famous tourist attractions.



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Gunmen who carried out the attack are still at large, French prosecutor says.

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This is the latest edition of the magazine, showing controversial French novelist Michel Houellebecq.



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Witnesses spoke of sustained gunfire at the Hebdo offices, the BBC's Hugh Schofield in Paris reports, as the attackers opened fire with assault rifles.

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The 12 dead include two police officers, police say.

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Twelve people have been killed in the attack, police say.

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France TV Info says that gunman is heard shouting "God is great" in Arabic in a video of shooting.

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People stand outside the French satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo's office after the shooting.