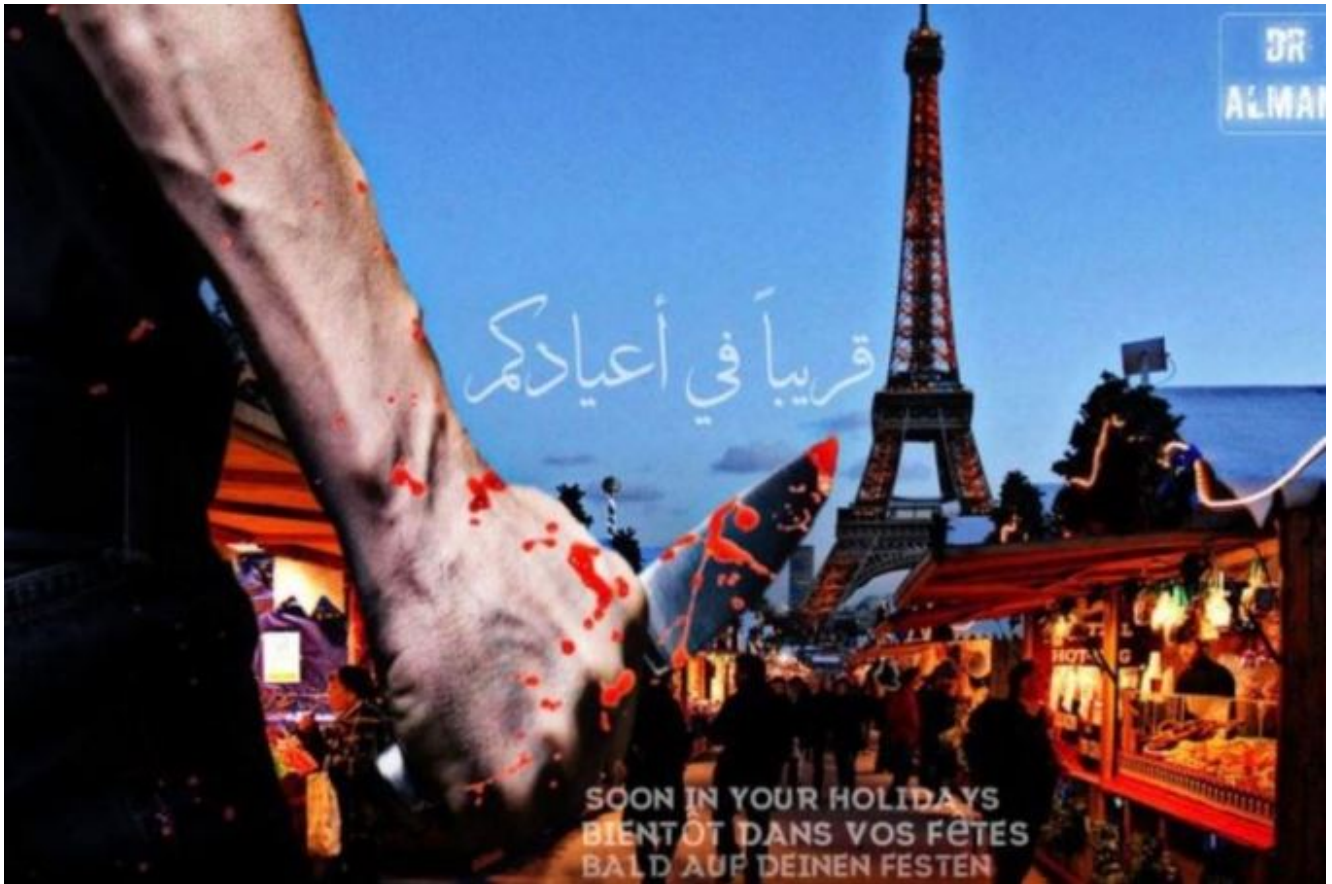


Soon on your holidays: ISIS makes chilling threat to 'attack on Christmas markets in UK, Germany and France'

[Oxford Street underground station](#) is at the crossroads; you can understand why people get jittery, although we never did so much during 30 years of IRA bombing. I suppose we didn't have twitter winding us up in those days and the IRA never did suicide missions or spraying passersby with gunfire.



The images were intercepted by BlackOps Cyber, a dark web intelligence agency, several days ago, the Epoch Times reported.



The latest images come after six Syrians suspected of planning an attack using weapons or explosives in Germany were detained on Tuesday. Prosecutors said the planned attack was on behalf of the Islamic State militant group.

This year, armed police, large concrete barriers and stop and search checks are being carried out at festive markets up and down the UK as many opened to the public last week.

Organisers of popular Christmas markets, such as London and Manchester, have been putting staff through anti-terror training with police as part of Project Griffin – a counter-terrorism initiative where business personnel learn what to look out for and how to deal with the aftermath of an attack.

The extra measures follow advice from the Department for Transport to local authorities about “mitigating security vulnerabilities” around major public transport hubs, including “hostile vehicle mitigation” to deter attackers using “vehicles as a weapon”.

Birmingham Christmas market will also see a host of new measures installed including bollards due to the threat of threat of vehicle attacks.