

Youths charged over terror plot against Jews days after 'anti-Semitic rape of 12-year-old girl'

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A teenager and a minor have been charged with planning a terrorist attack on Jewish targets in France, just days after a 12-year-old girl was allegedly gang-raped in an anti-Semitic attack.

Separately, on Friday, prosecutors charged a 19-year-old man and a youth in the Paris region with planning a terror attack on Jewish targets.

The pair became connected on social media and were planning "a violent action notably aiming at Jewish targets," a judicial source said. The 19-year-old faces charges of terrorist conspiracy and acquisition and possession of arms for a terrorist enterprise. The youth was arrested on June 13.

Investigators have expressed concern over the young age of some suspects detained in recent months for planning attacks. "This is a necessarily worrying phenomenon," senior anti-terrorist prosecutor Olivier Christen said at an evidentiary hearing on Wednesday.

Reports of the alleged rape caused protests to erupt on the streets of the capital and other French cities this week ahead of the imminent snap election and the Paris Olympics.



Protesters condemn the alleged anti-Semitic gang rape, during a rally in Lyon, central-eastern France, on Wednesday | CREDIT: JEAN-PHILIPPE KSIAZEK/AFP

On Tuesday, three boys aged 12 to 13 were charged with rape, making death threats and insulting the victim's religion.

Details have emerged about the accused, one of whom lived with his mother and was described as violent and angry.

According to Le Figaro, one of the alleged attackers was in a "puppy dog relationship" with the victim, who led him to believe she was Muslim as an act of self-preservation. The adolescent, who allegedly had photos of a burning Israeli flag on his phone, is said to have become irate upon learning the girl was in fact Jewish. *The 'youths' have been described in the European press as of a 'migrant' background; I think that piece of information confirms suspicions that the background is a Muslim one, maybe North Africa.*