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CLASS 1L

Friday, 13/11/2015

Yesterday, the 13th of November 2015, there was a terrorist attack in Paris, France. There were probably six attacks at the same time. The attacks were in a famous bar in Paris, in a theatre where there was a concert, in the stadium during the match France vs Germany and other places in Paris. The number of victims is about 120 and there are about 200 wounded people. A lot of hostages were killed. There were some bombs that exploded and some suicide bombers. There was also a shooting with machine guns by the terrorists. The terrorists are supposed to be Paris' citizens converted to Islam, who are members of the ISIS. They're fundamentalists who have to follow the orders, sometimes tragic ones, that a leader gives them. They want to destroy all the historic heritage that has nothing in common with Islam. Frontiers were closed down to prevent terrorists from escaping. Now the police are trying to identify some of the terrorists among the corpses of the dead. Policemen killed eight of them. Now also Italy has been threatened, so the Italian government declared the state of emergency. I think that what ISIS is doing is awful. I don't think that religion is actually the main reason for these continuous attacks by ISIS. I think that they only want to have more power. They also threatened Rome one year ago, after the Charlie Hebdo attack. I think these two attacks are linked. They probably want to expand Islam to all the world, killing people with other ideologies and beliefs that are different from theirs. And this is a wrong thing because others may have a different reaction to what they wanted and go against them. This could cause a 3rd World War. This is a huge problem and I don't know how to solve it. It's almost impossible!

Silvia

Paris attack

Yesterday evening, Friday 13th November, at about 9:30 p.m. there were some terrorist attacks at the same time in Paris. Different members of a terrorist group, probably the 'ISIS', attacked lots of places in Paris. Some of those are very important and the greatest part of the population know them. Terrorists broke into a cafe bar and shot the people who were there. They killed about 30 people. In the same way, with a suicide bombing, terrorist killed over 100 people who were in a theatre for an American rock band concert. They took hostages and later they killed them. The same thing happened in a stadium with another suicide bombing.

Lots of wounded people were found and some doctors and volunteers rescued them. The relatives of the wounded people ran to the hospitals to check if their loved ones were there.

In an interview the father of a young boy was very sad because he couldn't find his son. Seeing those events, I'm feeling confused because I can't explain why those terrorists want to kill all those people only because of their religion.

It is so wrong because I think that everyone should be free to follow their religions and no one should be so extremist.

I hope that we will help all the States to bring back peace in the world.

Gaia

Terrorism in France

Yesterday evening (13/11) there were 7 terrorist attacks in Paris. They happened in a restaurant, in a theatre and in a stadium. There were about 120 dead and lots of wounded (about 190); there are 2 Italians wounded. People think that terrorists already live in France. They used suicide bombers and they took lot of hostages. The police killed 8 terrorists and now France's frontiers are closed. People think that this attack is due to ISIS, because in a theatre one of the killers shouted "Allah is great". My opinion is that terrorists haven't any reasons to kill so many people. I hope that the French police will find all terrorists and that the 190 wounded people will survive. I don't know how I can help to solve the issue of global terrorism, but the police can help by being more careful and intervening earlier.

Laura

TERRORISM IN FRANCE

Last night in Paris a terrorist group made about six attacks against civilians in public places, such as a famous bar and outside a football stadium during a match.

This group killed about two hundred people by using machine guns and suicide bombing. Eight members of the group were killed by the police. After these attacks the nation closed the frontiers to find the other terrorists. This group is connected to ISIS, even if it was also composed of French people. In my opinion, we can solve the issue of global terrorism by attacking these terrorist groups in the Middle East, catching their leaders, stopping the supply of weapons. We can seek all the members of these groups in European nations too by rigorous checking at the frontiers and exercising strict controls on fundamentalists also in Europe. We can help the families who lost a son, a daughter, a father, a mother.

I think that we can stop all these attacks if we work together, by spreading freedom culture also in their countries, so that they will find obstacles in forging new fighters.

Alessandro

Yesterday evening

Yesterday evening in Paris there were some terrorist attacks at the same time. One of these happened in a café where some people entered with machine guns and shot a lot of people. Another attack happened in a square, there some suicide bombers placed themselves in the middle of the crowd. A few terrorists also entered a stadium and a theatre. In total 120 people were killed and 190 were wounded. I think that these are ISIS' terrorist attacks and I also

believe that the terrorists are people who have lived in France since they were born. These terrorists hide themselves behind religious motivations but they aim at political power. We can help solve the issue of global terrorism explaining to all people that all the religions are important in the same way and that there isn't a religion which has to prevail over the others.

Paola

Paris, 13th November

It was just yesterday, the 13th of November, when more than one terrorist attacks took place in Paris. About 180 people were killed and 200 were seriously wounded.

The slaughters occurred in five different places, which are: the stadium while a match was in progress; a theatre; while a band was playing in a concert and it was interrupted by a suicide-bombing, the victims were the spectators of the concert; customers in a café and a restaurant. It is supposed that the terrorists were some members of ISIS; eight of them were found and caught. Right now the police are chasing two more culprits. The civilians were killed by machine guns or bombs.

When I heard about it, I couldn't believe that, I shuddered because I saw these events from the point of view of people who are very close to the victims. It is shocking how some people could be so cruel with innocent people. I am very worried about everything, but there is still hope that will never die. I think that, from a point of view, this is a positive situation for everyone because unity is being born again and people are discovering what really means being a nation. I think that the terrorists want to generate fear and dread, so a good way to tell them that we don't give in to this cruelty is to show our unity and our desire to live.

Elena

Terrorist attack

Yesterday evening in Paris there were a lot of terrorist attacks by ISIS; they were in a café, a theatre and a stadium.

They killed more than 120 people and more than 200 were seriously wounded.

They used suicide bombers and machine guns for shooting.

I feel really sad about it and I'm scared because I think they could attack Italy, too.

I think it will be really difficult to solve the issue of global terrorism.

I agree with what France did, they closed the frontiers, so the terrorists can't go back to their countries and the French police will probably find them.

But anyway I think it's not enough.

I hope the government will find a solution as soon as possible, but I have not any idea of how they could do it.

I shuddered when I heard about the attack in France.

I'm still not sure about what ISIS wants.

They say it's for religions, but there are people who say that they do it to seize power.

I hope it won't become the third world war!

Sara

Paris attacks

I recently saw on television many reports about terrorist attacks in France by ISIS.

Yesterday evening there were four attacks: at a concert of an American rock band in Paris, in

a stadium, in a café and in a theatre. Islamic terrorists began shooting people or they put bombs in different places. There were 188 deaths in total, a lot of wounded and four hostages. These Islamic terrorists were suicide bombers.

While they were shooting at the people, they shouted "Allah Akbar"

In my opinion If there was a similar attack in Italy .I'd be very scared and I would probably stay at home as much as possible.

When I heard this news, I shuddered: they aren't afraid, they could kill anybody without senses of guilt. The chiefs of ISIS brainwashed followers with the religion to have more people in their community but it is only a matter of money.

I'd like every country in Europe and America to prepare an army against the ISIS. The countries could also organize a conference to decide how they can preserve the monuments of other religions.

Matilde

Last night there were some terrorist attacks by ISIS in many parts of Paris.

They attacked different buildings, like a theatre, a stadium and more.

More than 100 people died during the terrorist attacks and there were more than 200 seriously wounded people.

I think terrorists are using their God (Allah) and their religion (Islam) to cover the fact that they want to become powerful and conquer the world. I think there are some people on top of their society who are using Islamic men to act according to their own will and they are making those people believe that the things they're doing are correct.

I think it's very hard for us to help people to solve the issue of global terrorism because we are afraid of them and their actions: they use machine guns, bombs and many other weapons against us; they're sowing fear around the world and we can't fight them until we are united.

They must respect us and understand we are free people who can have different opinions and we're human beings like them.

Vittoria

PRAY FOR PARIS

Last Friday evening (13th November 2015) I was watching a film and it ended at 11 p.m. Then I changed channel and I saw a journalist who was saying that, during the football match between France and Germany which was at the "Stade de France", an explosion had been heard. At first, I didn't pay attention to this news because I thought that it could have been an explosion caused by a firecracker. I turned off the TV and I went to bed. The day after, Saturday 14 November, I woke up at 8.30 a.m. and I went into the kitchen to have breakfast and I saw my parents who were standing in front the TV and they were listening to a newscast. The first sentence that I heard was: "There are more than 100 victims and over 300 wounded". I was shocked! I listened to the TV and I understood what had happened the night before: eight terrorists made five attacks in the centre of Paris. They were from the new region between Syria and Iraq created by the members of ISIS, an organization of islamic extremists. Their target is to bring their vision of the islamic religion to Europe and all around the world. They had also made some terrorist attacks in Paris last January: they killed all the members of a magazine which is called "Charlie Hebdo". But this time it is a different kind of violence: the eight terrorists decided to act in five different public spaces including a stadium, a restaurant and a concert hall, where thousands of normal people were living their

life. At the end, these attacks made 129 victims and more than 350 wounded. One of the killed people was an Italian girl who was studying in France. I think that the only way to stop this movement of fanatics is to stay close to each other and to isolate everyone who agrees to the ISIS' ideas. We have to fight for our freedom because if we live in fear, they can do whatever they want. They use the religion as a reason to fight against other people and everyone who doesn't agree with them is killed. In Syria and Iraq this organization makes a lot of victims every day just because they haven't the same ideas. The Muslims all around the world must say "STOP IT NOW" because if they continue with their silence, ISIS will kill again and forever. I think that the revolution must start with them and it will be followed by all the rest of the world. Now it seems that the only way to reply to them is using violence but I'm not sure about it. All the people who think that ISIS must be stopped have to shout out their opinion and must be close to each other. I think that, in this way, ISIS can be beaten.

Dario

TERRORIST ATTACK IN PARIS

On 13th November a group of terrorists made an attack on the capital of France, Paris. About 120 people were killed and 200 people were seriously wounded. The terrorist attacks were made during the night in five different places. During the match between France and Germany, a suicide bomber killed a lot of people outside the stadium. Also the president of France was watching the match and he stopped it. The terrorists also attacked a bar, a restaurant, a disco and during a rock concert. The police killed some of the terrorists who made the slaughter and they closed the frontiers to find the other culprits. I think what happened on the 13th will be recorded as a big error made by the Islamic terrorists. A lot of people were killed and I think the culprits of the terrorist attacks will have to pay. In order to stop the terrorists attacks the police should increase the security control.

Paolo

Paris attacks

A terrible terrorist attack happened in the French capital, Paris. A lot of innocent people were killed by ISIS terrorists. At the same time a series of coordinated terrorist attacks occurred in six different places in Paris (for example, at the Bataclan theatre, Cambidie restaurant, at the football stadium, etc.). The terrorists shot the crowd with machine guns. The French president François Hollande declared the state of emergency, he mobilized the military and closed the French borders. President Obama condemned the violence and he said: "This is an attack not just on Paris and not just on the people of France, but this is an attack against all humanity. ISIS terrorists across Paris killed at least 140 people and injured about 200.

The terrorists made this attack for a lot of reasons: because they want to impose their religion, a kind of extreme Islamic religion, on all people in the world. Another reason is that they want to have control of power and they want to impose their culture; which is very obscurantist and strange to me, as the only real culture.

Eight terrorists were killed and the police are searching for other terrorists who made this attack. Now I'm very confused because we don't know where they are, what they want to do... I think weapons aren't the right way to express their opinion.

Maria Elena

13th November

Yesterday 13th November 2015, at 9.30 p.m., there were, at the same time, 6 terrorist attacks in 6 different places in Paris.

Suicide bombers and terrorists with machine guns hid among the people shooting in the crowd, killing 120 people and causing 200 seriously wounded: a real slaughter.

This situation is getting worse because the terrorists aren't only in the Middle East, but they live in Europe and around the world, so controlling the borders of the European States is completely useless.

The ISIS wants to terrorise us in order to seize power and to force us to think in their own ways about the religion.

I'm scared, we are all scared, because French people are our neighbours, but we have to respond; we can't do what they want, we can't submit and accept what they are doing!

We have to learn from children: they don't care if their friends are African, Asian or Muslim; they play together, without prejudices.

I know that it isn't possible, but I don't know other solutions without violence, because this isn't a right world.

Lucia

Terrorist attacks in Paris: my point of view

On the evening of the 13th November more than 5 terrorist attacks occurred in the capital city of France. These events consisted in machine guns-shootings, suicide bombing and taking people as hostages. They took place in common areas like a theatre, during a concert and a match between Germany and France in a stadium and in cafés, restaurants and in Paris' streets. 120 people were killed and more than 220 people were seriously wounded. These attacks didn't happen near important monuments or city symbols but in normal places, maybe because the terrorists wanted to express that even innocent people that have nothing to do with this story are going to be involved.

It's scary to think about how near France is to Italy and sadly I think that our country will be one of their next targets. I can't believe that all of this is really happening and I'm sort of realizing it right now. I'm not able to provide a theory about how I would resolve this huge problem because it's an extremely complicated topic. Between doing nothing while waiting until this ends and reacting and responding to their attacks I would prefer the latter option, of course even if the idea of starting the third world war can't be considered by anyone, because that would be a crazy intention. A lot of people are putting too much emphasis on all these Paris attacks and it doesn't seem fair because in countries like Syria, for example, people are killed almost daily and nobody ever talks about it.

Elena

Paris, 13th November

Yesterday at about 9:30 in some cafés and during a concert and a match in a stadium in Paris lots of people were killed or were seriously wounded. The people who made these attacks believe in Allah and I think that they want to spread their religion around the world with these attacks and they're ruining the monuments which belong to other religions. There were about 120 dead and 180 wounded by suicide bombing, explosions and shots. The terrorists held some people as hostages and they threatened them by killing some of them. I think in France people can believe in different religions without a dominant one, compared to other

countries. The issue of global terrorism is really difficult to be solved. I think if not everybody is affected by this phenomenon and they aren't going to be united and fight against ISIS, we can't do anything.

Elena

13 NOVEMBER

Yesterday, 13 November 2015, there were 6 terrorist attacks in Paris. The first one was in a famous restaurant. The other 5 attacks were in a stadium, where 30 people died, at a concert, in a disco and in 2 other places.

90 people died. Among the terrorists who made this attack 8 were suicide bombers and one of these exploded near the stadium.

This morning we can count 120 victims and more or less 200 wounded people.

Regarding this terrorist attack, I think that the people who made this for the second time (the first one was against "Charlie Hebdo) fight for their way of thinking in a wrong way.

The terrorists' idea comes from Iraq, where there is a terrible war at present. They fight for their religion and they think that those who don't think like them are a problem. There isn't a best way to amend their actions because they want to submit our mindset, so I think that nobody can change their way of behaving.

Marta

PARIS TERROR ATTACK

What happened in Paris?

There have been seven coordinated terrorist attacks in Paris made by terrorists, killing at least 129 people.

The first attack was launched at the same time, with two explosions close to France's stadium at 9.20 p.m.

The attacks then moved to central Paris, at a Cambodian restaurant and at Le Carillon bar.

There were 15 deaths.

The fourth attack occurred in Rue de la Fontaine au Roi, where the terrorists killed at least five people.

The next attack, at the Bataclan concert venue in Boulevard Voltaire, was the most deadly. At least 89 people lost their lives there. Gunmen armed with AK-47 and wearing suicide vests stormed into the concert where a group was playing to a full house of 1500 people.

Finally, a third blast took place near the stadium, at a Mc Donald's restaurant.

I feel powerless in the face of so much hate that passes over different religions and that causes the death of innocent people. Tragedies like this make us feel unsafe anywhere in the world. I wish someone could intervene to change such a situation without causing more violence or war, but sometimes I believe it'll be very difficult.

Antonio Roberto

CLASS 3L

"Yesterday evening, 13th November, Paris was repeatedly attacked by Isis terrorists in 5 places scattered across the 10th and 11th neighbourhood, causing more than 120 deaths in a time span of two hours.

One of these attacks resulted in the highest number of dead people: outside the stadium (where a football match was going on), outside a Cambodian restaurant and inside a club which was hosting a rock concert with more than 1500 fans.

In the latter, attackers were suicide bombers who caused explosions.

I personally find the event appalling, a proof that humanity is slowly falling into a dark pit of cruel and merciless behaviours.

I followed the news during the attacks, I witnessed to the victim count steadily rise and I felt a devastating helplessness: if I had been among the hostage, I wouldn't have known what to do, and if attacks had been directed towards Italy I would have felt terribly in danger and unable to help defend the frontiers.

In fact, I don't believe that we, as mere citizens, are able to bring substantial change to the matter of terrorist attacks; that should be the state's duty while we simply cooperate.

Instead, we could try to modify the perception that we have of Muslim immigrants by avoiding general assumptions concerning the "race" as a whole.

This is because the Islamic State only represents a tiny part of the Muslim population, a state that might have misinterpreted the Quran's teachings about respect of other human beings' identity, life and culture."

Eleonora

"Some terrible events happened yesterday in France. ISIS made terrorist attacks on a theatre, a stadium, cafés.

I personally believe that these men, the suicide bombers, are crazy, or they went mad due to the influence of a few bad people willing to kill lots of people just because they want power.

I say that because I refuse to think that some men could do something like that. If you kill a person you're stained by a sin forgivable only by the person you kill. But, if they are dead, they can't forgive you; hence you will be forever **BLASTED**, and this is the worst thing of all.

I'm really sorry for those people killed by the terrorists, but I can't physically do anything.

I can't fight against ISIS with weapons, it would lead to more hatred, hence anger, hence war.

The only thing I can do is to express my opinion and fight with words in the hope that this slaughter is over."

Stefano

"Paris, by definition the city of freedom of speech and wisdom - in which, a few months ago, the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo was attacked - on the night between the 13th and the 14th of November was the backdrop of the most violent terrorist attack happened in Europe in the last few decades.

Suicide bombers blew themselves up in three different parts of the city: a stadium, a theatre containing 1500 people, a coffee bar.

These attacks were claimed to avenge the bombs dropped over Syria. They were aimed to make people afraid of the Islamic State, to start a global war.

As a young European citizen, I feel overwhelmed. I am scared of what could happen to my friends and relatives. I am afraid the world, our common home, will be destroyed because of the hatred spreading among humans.

I feel helpless. I would like to help the victims of the attack, I would like to be capable of solving religious conflicts and ensure peace to our generation, but I don't know where to start. I don't know what young people should, or could, do.

I consider that dialogue is essential to avoid hatred and fear prevailing. And I consider that politicians should not take revenge, because this is exactly what ISIS wants.

I want everyone to become aware of the importance of information about what happens in the world; I want my friends and fellow citizens to understand that not all Muslims are guilty, that we must not generalise, because we're all in the same boat and blaming someone will not solve the problem of terrorism.

We should fight for freedom of speech and religion, for all human beings, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity or religion. Without using violence."

Cecilia