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SHOOTING IN STRASBOURG KILLED 4 PEOPLE & 12 WOUNDED AT CHRISTMAS MARKET

STILL IN RUN IN FRENCH GERMAN BORDER CITY

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THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT OF STRASBOURG WAS FULL OF MEP'S AND JOURNALISTS-----

The parliament is currently in plenary session, with hundreds of MEPs and officials having made the monthly visit to Strasbourg from Brussels. At the occasion of both European and Christmas Market (A top touristic destination every year for this period) many army units have been deployed in Strasbourg. The soldiers and armed police are regularly seen patrolling in the Christmas Market. Besides, nearly 89 000 policemen and gendarmes were deployed last Saturday December 8th in Paris and elsewhere to counter the vandals and « some radicalized » « Yellow Vests » for the ACT4 of their protests for claiming a better purchasing power , lowering taxes, and reforming the current political governance. The violence has been so tough and extreme that last Saturday Paris was desired and resemble a curfew after the clashes of Police and Yellow Vests Protesters. The damages were huge and impressive and the toll very heavy according to the 1350 arrests and nearly one thousand custody...

THE GUNMAN WHO HAS NOT BEEN LOCALIZED MIGHT HAVE A PARTNER-----

"There is a strong suspicion that a second person" may be implicated in the shooting, police sources told Le Figaro. The Interior Minister Christophe Castaner said the shooter « has a criminal record » and fled, after having injured a soldier. The French ministry of Interior and Prefecture of Bas Rhin, released a twitter map/message of « Evacuation » for the people in Strasbourg, and giving instructions to be followed, as the city is getting in panic.

Evacuation of downtown @Strasbourg

Please follow these instructions:

- ☐☐Quit the city center by the North.
- ☐☐Do not take the direction of Neudorf
- ☐☐Completely follow the instructions of the police
- ☐☐ Keep your cool

@ Prefet67 @Place_Beauvau

Shots were reportedly exchanged in a street of the southern district of Neudorf after a manhunt involving police and soldiers but there was no confirmation he had been localised. Strasbourg is the French base of the European Parliament that was strictly closed up, after the news of shooting was breaking, while journalists, and MEP's were not allowed to leave the building, according to AFP. According to Le Figaro, Many witnesses thought they had crossed, but at no point were the police able to confirm his suspicions. During his journey, this man stuck S but known for common law has wounded in hand a member of Operation Sentinel. The hunt continues. The Strasbourg RAID is deployed on site.

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