

# UN chief denounces terrorist attack in southern France; commends response of security forces

Strongly condemning the terrorist attack in France, the United Nations Secretary-General has reiterated his support to the Government in its fight against violent extremism.

In a [statement](#) attributable to his spokesperson, [Secretary-General António Guterres](#) also commended the response of the security forces, noting “[their] quick action helped save lives.”

“The UN stands in solidarity with the Government of France in its fight against terrorism and violent extremism,” the statement added.

Mr. Guterres also extended his condolences to the families of the victims and wished a speedy recovery to those injured.

According to reports, three people lost their lives and at least 16 were injured in the attack that took place at a supermarket in the town of Trèbes in southern France.

Among those who died was a French police official who swapped himself for one of the hostages taken by the gunman.