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## **TRIAL OF THE CENTURY OVER THE 13 NOVEMBER 2015 TERRORIST ATTACK STARTS TODAY**

**130 VICTIMS DIED & 1700 PLAINTIFFS**

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**USPA NEWS** - The trial of the Paris Bataclan attacks of November 13, 2015, which killed 130 victims, begins today, Wednesday, September 8. It is the longest trial in the history of France because it will last nine (9) months, taking place from Tuesday to Friday of each week to judge the twenty people, including Salah Abdeslam, who are accused in this case but fourteen only will be judged in their presence. The defendants were taken from their cells and escorted to court in the morning. A room has been specially built in the historic courthouse in Paris to host the "trial of the century", where more than 1,700 plaintiffs and 300 lawyers are expected. The services of the Ministry of the Interior explain that the risks of attacks are closely monitored, and hence an important security system has been put in place around the courthouse, on the Île de la Cité, where near 'a thousand police officers are deployed. The Prime Minister, Jean Castex, had a "thought for all the families of the very many victims who are waiting for justice to be done", he declared this Wednesday at noon during a press conference at the end of the seminar back-to-school government. Source: 20 Minutes, Tf1

The trial of the Paris Terrorist attacks of November 13, 2015, which killed 130 victims, (Bataclan : 90 Deaths, Stade de France,: 1 Death, le Carillon Petit Cambodia Cafe : 90 Deaths, La Belle Equipe Restaurant : 19 Deaths, Ala Bonne Biere La Cosa Nostra : 5 Deaths, ) begins today, Wednesday, September 8. It is the longest trial in the history of France because it will last nine (9) months, taking place from Tuesday to Friday of each week to judge the twenty people, including Salah Abdeslam, who are accused in this case but fourteen only will be judged in their presence. The defendants were taken from their cells and escorted to court in the morning. A room has been specially built in the historic courthouse in Paris to host the "trial of the century", where more than 1,800 plaintiffs and 300 lawyers are expected. The services of the Ministry of the Interior explain that the risks of attacks are closely monitored, and hence an important security system has been put in place around the courthouse, on the Île de la Cité, where near 'a thousand police officers are deployed. The Prime Minister, Jean Castex, had a "thought for all the families of the very many victims who are waiting for justice to be done", he declared this Wednesday at noon during a press conference at the end of the seminar back-to-school government. Some residents of the 10th and 11th arrondissements of Paris who lived near the Bataclan and the scene of the November 13 attacks felt the need to move. (Source: Journalist Caroline Politi for the Journal 20 Minutes)

### **THE TRIAL OF THE CENTURY WILL SERVE JUSTICE OVER THE DEADLY TERRORIST ATTACK THAT KILLED 130 VICTIMS AND LEFT LIFE TRAUMATIZED SURVIVORS-----**

The trial of the attacks of November 13 in 2015, is "trial of the century" is about to begin. The president will read his report on the third day, summarizing the 500 or so volumes of the dossier. The president has scheduled half an hour for each speaking session, or about fourteen hearings per day. One week is devoted to accounts of the attacks at the Stade de France and on the terraces, four weeks to the Bataclan massacre. From Wednesday September 8 and for nine months, French justice will try the 20 people accused in the investigation into the attacks of November 13, 2015, which left 130 dead and more than 350 injured in Paris and Saint-Denis. Due to the number of people to be questioned in this "extraordinary" trial, which will take place at the Palais de l'Ancien, de Justice in Paris, or a room specially designed for this purpose, with a capacity of 550 seats. At the end of these hearings, from November 2 to 5, the court will question for the first time the 14 defendants present on their personality and their background, without evoking at this stage their religious position or the facts. République is expected to testify on November 10 at the courthouse, under very high security. On the evening of November 13, 2015, French President Francois Hollande hurriedly left the Stade de France where he was attending the France-Germany friendly match, before declaring a state of emergency overnight. Its former Minister of the Interior Bernard Cazeneuve is due to testify on November 17.

### **THE FIRST DAY OF THE "TRIAL OF THE CENTURY" ON THE TERRORIST ATTACKS OF NOVEMBER 13, 2015 IN PARIS-----**

The President of the court, Jean-Louis Peries made a preliminary by indicating to all the defendants present in the box that they have the right, throughout the trial, to make statements, to answer the questions which will be put to them. or to be silent, (Source: journalist H el ene Sergent a Journal 20 Minutes). Still as a preamble, the President of the court declared: "Today we are starting a trial which is characterized in particular as historic, as out of the ordinary". He adds: "History? Certainly. Because the facts that we are going to examine are undoubtedly registered in the national and international events of our century ", continues the president." Extraordinary ?

Yes, in view of the number of interveners, victims, civil parties, their counsel, experts called to the bar ", adds the magistrate who presides over this assize court specially composed for a trial already considered to be « extra ordinary » because of his dimension.

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The lawyers of the civil parties, made a long enumeration of the 130 dead victims, and wounded, and were called one by one to the bar. At around 5:30 pm, one of the defendants, who emerged from his long silence for six years and made indecent provocation by claiming to be "treated like a dog" in prison for "more than six years" adding that "Dangerous or not dangerous, we are men and we are treated like dogs! It's beautiful here, there are screens, there is air conditioning! ", According to journalists on the spot. Indeed, as the ministry specifies, "all the parties wanted the attacks which took place in the heart of Paris to be judged in a single place, in the heart of Paris. Given the exceptional number of civil parties and lawyers, it was necessary to have sufficient space and, in the absence of a single place, to be able to have a main courtroom and adjoining rooms where the debates were held. could be retransmitted: hence the choice of the Paris Court of Appeal ", even if it is a trial at first instance.

#### A BUDGET OF € 7.3M TO BUILD THE TRIAL ROOM OF THE CENTURY AT THE OLD COURT OF PARIS-----

With a budget of 7.536 million euros, the construction of the Grand Trial room, which must accommodate a maximum of 550 people, began in January 2020 and is being managed by the Public Agency for Real Estate of Justice (APIJ). Interrupted during the first containment, work has resumed and must continue until the summer of 2021 during which the first tests will be carried out. This room will be temporary with the possibility of using it until 2023 (Nice attack, possible appeals, etc.).

The architectural project as described by the Ministry of Justice includes: ? A courtroom suitable for hosting sensitive trials; ? The ancillary premises necessary for the operation of this courtroom and intended for: the reception of magistrates and officials, the care of victims and witnesses, waiting by the accused; ? The secure movements necessary for the transport of defendants or defendants to the secure box; ? The equipment necessary to welcome the public and the press on the site of the Courthouse and in the Grand Trial courtroom.-----

Due to the trauma suffered and which could re-emerge during this event, associative and institutional actors will also mobilize to support the victims of the attacks and their families as closely as possible and as closely as possible.

To ensure publicity and dissemination of the trial, several tools will be available: ? Audience screens will be set up to ensure perfect intelligibility of the debates; ? The commissioning of a Web Radio will allow the proceedings to be re-broadcast to civil parties who request it was strongly desired by the Paris Court of Appeal. This will be possible thanks to the adaptation of the legal framework by Law No. 2020-1672 of December 24, 2020. They will therefore be able to follow the proceedings from their homes. However, doubts remain about the scope of the computer security of Web Radio, to which the ministry replies: "The risk has been identified, it is part of the specifications in order to allow a secure flow". Finally, it should be noted that, as this is a historical trial, of which the State wishes to keep track, work is being carried out to prepare the constitution of the historical archives of the Justice. Source : Ministry of Justice.

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