

In Memory of the Victims

Many tragedies, including the attack in Paris and the earthquakes in Japan and Mexico, occurred on Nov. 13th. The coordinated attacks in Paris are perhaps the most well-known tragedy that happened on Friday the 13th of November. However, the earthquakes in Mexico and Japan did not receive as much media attention as the Paris attacks. Neither did the suicide bombings in Beirut, which occurred on the 12th. All these tragedies left the world shocked and the families in sorrow. Meanwhile, many countries begin to strengthen protection for their citizens and joined in arms against ISIS, which has claimed responsibility for both the bombings in Beirut and the attack on Paris.

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En L'Honneur de Paris: In Honor of Paris

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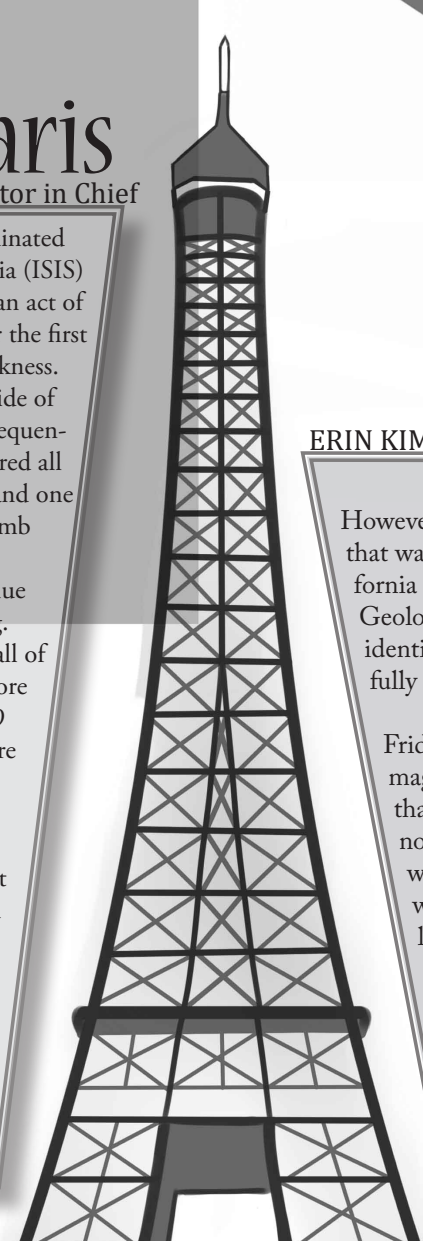
On Nov. 13, the city of Paris found itself the victim of coordinated terrorist attacks. According to CNN, the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) claimed responsibility for the attack that killed 130 innocent people, an act of retaliation for France ordering airstrikes in Syria and Iraq on ISIS. For the first time since World War II, the city of light found itself shrouded in darkness.

At 9:20 p.m. Central European Time, an explosion just outside of the French soccer stadium Stade de France marked the beginning of sequential terrorist attacks. Following the explosion, multiple gunmen appeared all throughout the city. In total, the gunmen attacked three restaurants and one bar, killing 39 individuals. At a cafe, a suicide bomber detonated a bomb that critically injured one individual.

Yet, the largest loss of life occurred at Bataclan, a concert venue where the American rock band Eagles of Death Metal was performing. Three attackers opened fire on the audience members before holding all of them hostage. Unfortunately, many of the hostages were executed before French police were able to raid the Bataclan. At this location alone, 89 people lost their lives. When the attacks finally ceased, 130 people were killed.

The attacks immediately prompted France to declare a state of emergency. French President Francois Hollande also cancelled his participation in the G20 Summit and shut national borders to prevent any terrorists from entering or fleeing the country. As the chaos began to settle, Paris instituted the first mandatory curfew since 1944.

A wave of Islamophobic acts followed the attacks in Paris. These include the discovery of hateful graffiti in a Canadian train station, telephone threats made to a Virginia mosque and the vandalism of many mosques in Canada and the United States. Despite these recent events, it seems that many fail to understand that ISIS is an extremist group — they are far from a true representation of the Islamic religion and faith.



Friday the 13th Foreshocks

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Earthquakes are a common phenomenon for most Californians. However, on Nov. 13, it was not California but Baja California, Mexico that was the victim of a shaky experience. On Friday morning, Baja California experienced a 4.3 magnitude earthquake. According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the quake originally registered as 3.9, but it was later identified as a 4.3 magnitude quake. Baja California's earthquake thankfully did not affect anything or anyone in the area.

Mexico was not the only country to encounter an earthquake on Friday the 13th. According to the United Press International, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck the southwestern waters of Japan later that night, causing a small tsunami to develop. Although there were no damages or injuries caused by this earthquake, a one foot tsunami was seen near the island of Nakanoshima. Luckily, the tsunami warnings that had been sanctioned on the surrounding islands were lifted soon after.

According to the National Tsunami Warning Center, there was no threat of a tsunami traveling from Japan to the western coast of North America and there were no immediate reports about damage or casualties. Fortunately for the people of Baja California and Japan, the earthquakes only resulted in shaking and shocked reactions from the countries' inhabitants.

A Week that Struck the World: Beirut Bombing

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On Thursday, Nov. 12, a pair of suicide bombers terrorized the city of Beirut in Lebanon. This devastating event killed 43 people, left 239 wounded and brought one city into a state of fear. Places such as the Bourj el-Barajneh suburb of Southern Beirut, a Shia Mosque, and a bakery were destroyed leaving the streets of Beirut with shattered glass and blood everywhere. According to the Lebanon's National News Agency, the explosions shook buildings and terrorized the people of Beirut. After the explosions, authorities closed entrances to Beirut and investigated the aftermath of the blast.

According to CNN, a would-be suicide bomber who survived said that he was an ISIS recruit along with the other two bombers, who just arrived from Syria before the incident happened. ISIS has claimed responsibility for this attack, along with the Paris attacks. The Prime Minister of Lebanon, Tamam Salem, declared Friday a day for mourning to the victims of the explosions.

One event after another has left the whole world in shock and sadness. All in all, these bombings will leave an impact that will forever be remembered in our history, not only to Lebanese citizens, but also the whole world.



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