

ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ



Lt Col Arnaud Beltrame, a police officer who switched himself for several hostages during the French supermarket attack has died, bringing the number of victims to four. Police shot dead the attacker after a series of attacks claimed by the Islamic State in Carcassonne, southern France that ended in the three-hour supermarket hostage-taking.

The attacker, named as Radouane Lakdim, 25, was born in Morocco and lived in Carcassonne. He was known to the police for **petty** crimes and drug-dealing. The state lawyer Francois Molins said that Lakdim had been being watched and recorded in 2016 and 2017 for his "radicalism and closeness to Islamic movements" but had showed no signs that he was going to carry out an attack. Questions will be asked as to how Lakdim was able to get a weapon and carry out attacks while he had been watched by security services. The interior minister, Gerard Collomb, said: "We had watched him and did not think he had been radicalized and would take action."

Just after 10am on Friday, Lakdim, stopped a white Opel Corsa car on the outer areas of Carcassonne, before shooting and killing the passenger and seriously hurting the driver. The state lawyer said that Lakdim then drove off in the car and appeared to wait outside a military building for soldiers. He then drove to a police squad building and shot at four police officers 200 metres away who had been out jogging. He seriously wounded one of the officers, who suffered broken ribs and a punctured lung. A bullet struck near another officer's heart.

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1. The text talks about
A. a series of attacks. B. a hotel attack. C. a military attack.
2. Lt Col Arnaud Beltrame tried to
A. shoot the attacker. B. save the hostages. C. call the police.
3. The supermarket attack lasted
A. three hours. B. four hours. C. six hours.
4. The French police had been watching the attacker because he
A. was an extremist. B. was a drug dealer. C. carried a weapon.
5. The security services
A. expected the attacks. B. were surprised by the attacks. C. tried to stop the attacks.
6. Before getting to the police squad building, Lakdim had
A. seriously wounded a soldier. B. taken some hostages. C. stolen a car.
7. When Lakdim got to the police squad building, some police officers were
A. sleeping. B. waiting for him. C. exercising.
8. The attacker wounded
A. two police officers. B. four police officers. C. six police officers.
9. The underlined word "**petty**" is closest in meaning to
A. small. B. serious. C. strange.
10. The attacks took place
A. at a weekend. B. on a weekday. C. on a holiday evening.