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## **FRENCH POLICE ARRESTS TWO SUSPECTS OVER PRE ELECTION ATTACK PLOT**

### **PLANNED ATTACK FIVE DAYS BEFORE ELECTION**

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**USPA NEWS** - Two men aged 23 and 29, were arrested today by the DGSI, in Marseille, suspected of planning an imminent terrorist attack, five days before the first round of French presidential election. The security services of the presidential candidates were warned last Thursday of a threat of attack.

#### **THE SECURITY SERVICES OF THE CANDIDATES WERE WARNED OF A THREAT OF ATTACK-----**

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The security services of several presidential candidates were warned last Thursday of a threat of attack, said AFP on Tuesday after the arrest of two men suspected of preparing an "imminent" attack. According to Le Monde, Journal, the two men, aged 23 and 29, were arrested in Marseille, particularly after the interception of one of the suspects with a gun and a World War showing Francois Fillon. Two suspects were arrested by the DGSI in the course of a flagrant investigation opened in Paris for conspiracy and breach of the legislation on weapons in relation to a terrorist enterprise. They are suspected of having wanted to prepare an "imminent" attack. Marine Le Pen, candidate of et far right, FRONT NATIONAL, said "The photographs of the suspects had been distributed to my security services as of Thursday" [?], and so does the entourage of Emmanuel Macron, candidate fo EN MARCHE . The security was strengthened Friday in Montpellier where a meeting of François Fillon was held, according to sources of LES REPUBLICAINS. Therefore, the fears were also surrounding the candidate's meeting in Nice on Monday. The two suspects, aged 23 and 29, were arrested on Tuesday by the DGSI in the course of a flagrant investigation opened in Paris on 12 April for criminal criminal terrorist association and violation of the weapons legislation in relation to A terrorist enterprise.

#### **REACTION OF THE POLITICIANS TO THE PLANNED ATTACK-----**

After the arrest of two men suspected of preparing an "imminent" attack, politicians largely praised the work of the security forces. The French President, François Hollande praised a "remarkable catch". The candidate of the right, François Fillon, explained, "This should not focus the campaign on security issues, especially on mine. I think everyone is threatened today. "

His rival of En Marche !, Emmanuel Macron, called for the "gathering" against terrorism. On BFMTV, the vice-president of the FN, Florian Philippot, also praised the work of the forces of order. However, he accused the right and left governments of not doing their job.

#### **THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN WAS TARGETED BY TERRORISM-----**

Jean-Luc Melenchon, candidate of FRANCE INSOUMISE, the far left veteran, challenger of the presidential election, sent a message of support to two of his rivals, François Fillon and Emmanuel Macron, as two men suspected of planning an attack were arrested on Tuesday in Marseille. Candidate LES REPUBLICAINS and EN MARCHE ! who had been warned last week about the risks to their campaign. Source AFP, BFM TV, Le Monde

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