

# France's truck attack marks deadly twist in terror

## Driver plowed into crowd of revelers

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LONDON — France's deadly truck attack marks a frightening new reality in European terrorism: assailants turning to an ever-expanding arsenal in bloodshed that is becoming harder to predict or prevent.

Europe is no stranger to such violence, but Thursday's death toll of at least 84 people represented one of the dead-

liest vehicle attacks in recent years.

Although the motivation behind the attack is not yet clear, the Tunisian driver plowed the vehicle into a crowd of revelers who had been watching fireworks for Bastille Day festivities. Unlike attacks that have involved explosives-laden vehicles, the sheer weight and speed of the truck on the busy promenade appeared to have caused the high number of deaths.

"Using vehicles in attacks is a fairly well-established tactic with al-Qaida and the Islamic State group," said Matthew Henman, managing edi-

tor at IHS Jane's Terrorism and Insurgency Centre. "The deliberate use of a heavy truck targeting a crowd illustrates the demonstrability of the attack and could be the precursor for other attacks."

Supporters of al-Qaida and the Islamic State group praised the attack Friday, but there was no immediate claim of responsibility.

The militant group has called on supporters to use any means possible to strike at its targets. Attacks inspired by terror groups in recent years have involved planes, bulldozers, tractors, guns, knives, machetes, bombs, explosives and vehicles.

### Other attacks

In France, there were two other recent attacks using vehicles, but it was disputed whether the assailants had links to terrorist cells. On Dec. 22, 2014, a man ran over a group of pedestrians at a Christmas market in Nantes, killing one and injuring nine others. That attack came a day after a similar one in Dijon when a motorist also struck pedestrians, injuring 13. Both suspects, who survived, have histories of mental illness.

In Montreal, a vehicle was used to kill a soldier in October 2014; a year earlier, attackers used a car to run over an off-duty soldier in London before

stabbing him to death.

Terrorist attacks involving vehicles have been more common outside of Europe.

The deadliest recent attack occurred July 3 when a suicide bomber from the Islamic State group killed at least 292 people and wounded another 200 by exploding a minibus in a crowded commercial area of Baghdad. The blast came near the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan when streets were teaming with people — much like Thursday's festivities that drew crowds across France.

In Afghanistan, Taliban militants using a minivan killed 64 people and wounded

more than 340 in an attack this year aimed at a government convoy. Last year, a truck bomb was also used to kill more than 10 people in Kabul. Similarly, a dump truck in Pakistan was loaded with explosives and devastated the Marriott Hotel in Islamabad in 2008, killing 50.

Israel, too, has seen a recent series of attacks using vehicles, many of which have been used against Israeli soldiers or civilians. Other attacks have involved bulldozers and tractors. Some bus and trolley stations have since been fortified with concrete barriers to prevent cars from driving into crowds.

# New high school funding initiative qualifies for ballot

## Promotes career and technical education

By PARIS ACHEN  
Capital Bureau

SALEM — An initiative to dedicate more state funding to high school dropout prevention and career and technical education has qualified for the November ballot, according to the Secretary of State's Office.

The campaign for Initiative Petition 65, Oregonians for High School Success Initiative, gathered 101,302 valid signatures, 13,118 more than the 88,184-signature threshold.

The ballot measure allocates one-sixth of new state revenue to high school dropout prevention, college readiness and career technical education programs.

"Every Oregon high school should provide students with real world skills and hands-on professional training that connects to local good paying jobs, and students should have better access to college level classes," said Peter Zuckerman, a spokesperson for the IP 65 campaign. "This measure will do these things."

The measure would infuse high schools with about \$147 million a year. That amount would be significantly greater if voters also approve a controversial corporate sale tax measure in November, which levies a 2.5 percent tax on the Oregon sales exceeding \$25 million of certain corporations.

The deadline to turn in sig-



Oregonians for High School Success Supporters of Initiative Petition 65 rally outside of the Capitol and Secretary of State's Elections Division in June to celebrate turning in signatures in support of the proposed measure. The initiative would boost funding for high school dropout prevention, career technical education and college readiness programs.

natures was July 8, but the Secretary of State's Office has until the first week of August to verify all of the signatures.

Former Gov. Ted Kulongoski, LaToya Fick, executive director of Stand for Children and Carmen Rubio, executive director of the Latino Network, spearheaded the campaign for IP 65 in hopes of boosting the state's lackluster graduation rate.

Only about 74 percent of students in Oregon graduate from high school in four years, one of the lowest rates in the nation. And 75 percent of Oregon high school students who go straight to community college have to take remedial classes, according to the national Institute of Education Sciences.

The Coalition of Communities of Color and the Oregon School Boards Association have endorsed the measure.

There is no organized

opposition to the measure, but the Oregon Education Association has declined to support the measure.

Instead, the teachers union is campaigning for passage of the corporate sales tax measure, Initiative Petition 28. The tax measure would yield about \$3 billion in additional revenue each year for education and other state services.

The political action committee, Oregonians for High School Success, has already raised \$4.2 million to campaign in support of IP 65.

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# College evacuates after gas leak

By EDWARD STRATTON  
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Clatsop Community College evacuated for the second time in as many months after a contractor working on the city's combined sewer overflow project breached a natural gas line Thursday afternoon.

Public Works Director Ken Cook said contractor Emery & Sons Construction Group first breached a unmarked water

line branching off of a mainline carrying water to most of the downtown core. While digging out an area to fix the water line, he said, the contractor hit a 1-inch gas line, but had the issue repaired within a few hours.

Cook said the company has another couple of months worth of work on 16th Street, portions of which have been periodically closed by the project.

The college evacuated

June 1 after another natural gas leak. Ann Gyde, a project manager for the college on the Patriot Hall Redevelopment, said the leak was related to the college's project.

"While moving material on site, the natural gas line that runs parallel to Lexington Avenue was ruptured during a crane lift," said Greg Dorcheus, the college's plant manager and other project manager for the Patriot Hall project.

# Man accused of assaulting Seaside Police officer on beach

By KYLE SPURR  
The Daily Astorian

A man was arrested last week for assaulting and injuring a Seaside Police officer on the beach near U Street.

Officer Elise Parkman was responding to a report of harassment on the Seaside Promenade the evening of July 6 when she encountered Phillip Ellis Allen II. He reportedly refused lawful orders and attacked Parkman.

Officer Shauna Wood assisted Parkman in placing Allen under arrest.

During the confrontation, Allen struck Parkman in the head and she was taken to Providence Sea-

side Hospital for a concussion. She has since recovered and is back on patrol.

Allen, 37, is known to the Seaside Police as a transient with mental health issues.

He was indicted by a grand jury this week on charges of assaulting a public safety officer, interfering with a peace officer, recklessly endangering

another person, menacing and resisting arrest.

He pleaded not guilty to the charges Thursday during an arraignment in Clatsop County Circuit Court. He is in custody in Clatsop County Jail on \$25,000 bail.

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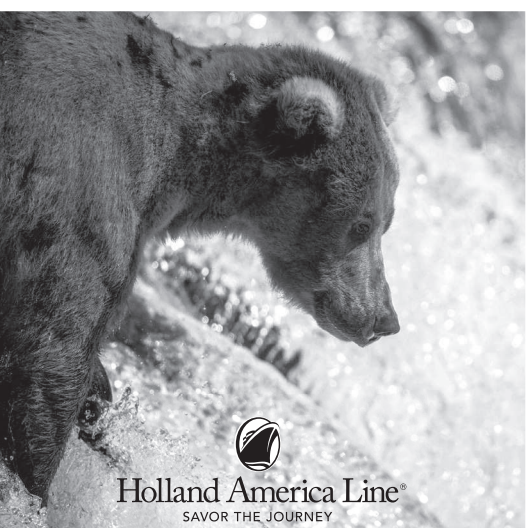


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