



ICPRA PRESS RELEASE Charlie Hebdo Terrorist Attack - Paris

For Immediate Release

Speaking after the terrorist attack on the Charlie Hebdo magazine office in Paris, Calum Steele, General Secretary of the International Council of Police Representative Associations (ICPRA) said;

"Today's cowardly attack on the offices of the Charlie Hebdo magazine in Paris in which 12 people, including 2 police officers were brutally murdered is not only an attack on a free press but also an attack on society as a whole.

Our thoughts and sincere condolences are extended to the families and friends of all those killed and injured with a special thought for the brave women and men working in the police services across France at this time.

We stand shoulder to shoulder with them as they grieve the loss of their colleagues, yet fearlessly pursue those responsible in the full knowledge they continue to place themselves in harms way so others don't have to.

It is important that the cornerstones of free and democratic society are protected and the citizens of the world must be resolute in the face of those intolerant to, and intent on destroying the freedoms we all cherish.

Fear will not stop danger and no amount of planning and intelligence will ever guarantee to eradicate such barbaric attacks in the future but properly resourced police and law enforcement agencies working in and with the support of our communities can mitigate and undermine the opportunities for such attacks in the future."

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Calum Steele
General Secretary
International Council of Police Representative Associations

Notes for Editors:

1. The International Council of Police Representative Associations (ICPRA) is an organisation comprising representatives of police and law enforcement associations and unions from over 40 countries. ICPRA and its affiliated member organisations collectively represent approximately 2 million law enforcement officers across nations in every continent on earth.

2. Calum Steele is also the General Secretary of the Scottish Police Federation.