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PRESIDENT HOLLANDE SPEAKS TO ALASSANE OUATTARA BY PHONE AFTER TERRORIST ATTACK

ATTACK IN IVORY COAST

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USPA NEWS - French President spoke by telephone with the President of the Republic of Ivory Coast, Alassane Ouattara. They reported on the assassination of Grand-Bassam, whose death toll rose because four French victims are now reported. The President presents his condolences to victims and their families.

Ivory Coast has been hit last Sunday, by a deadly terrorist attack that targeted the resort town of Grand-Bassam. On behalf of France, the President of the Republic has condemned in the strongest terms this heinous and cowardly attack.

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The terrorist attack, has been claimed by AQIM, and killed 18 people including four French at Grand-Bassam, a seaside resort near Abidjan. Yesterday, the Ivorian Interior Minister Hamed Bakayoko had counted 33 injured, 26 were still in hospital after the attack. Among the 18 dead also included a German national, director of the Goethe Institute in Abidjan and source familiar with the matter, Lebanon nationals, Burkina Faso and Mali. Three terrorists were also killed. According to RFI- The Ivorian authorities have promised to strengthen security and to advance the investigation at the time. From the French side, the Foreign Ministers and Interior, Jean-Marc Ayrault and Bernard Cazeneuve will visit Today in Abidjan to show their solidarity with the Ivorian authorities and the people and ensure their support the French community there.

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