

The Brussels Attacks: What is True, What is Fake?

Three Daesh Suspects at Brussels Airport

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Two Fake CC surveillance Videos of the bomb attacks, Ibrahim's Laptop Computer discovered in a Rubbish bin;

The alleged Will (Testament) of one of the Daesh suspects;

Foreknowledge of the Attacks by the Belgian police and security authorities;

An EU terror emergency drill simulating a Metro attack held three weeks earlier, ...

Mystery, "Evidence" concerning the deceased suicide bombers?

The role and death of suicide bombers Khalif and Ibrahim el-Bakraoui respectively at the Maelbeek metro station and Brussels airport?

Where are the official surveillance video recordings? Sofar they have been suppressed?

The Mysterious Photo: Three Daesh Suspects at Brussels Airport Caught on the CC Surveillance Camera?

A review of official police statements suggests that the still photos allegedly from the Airport CC Surveillance Camera were not initially released by the Police, they were first published by Dernière Heure, DH.be, which is part of Belgium's media giant Groupe Multimédia IPM S.A.

It is worth noting that DH.be together with La Libre (also part of Groupe IPM) (mistakenly) published the fake CC surveillance video of the Brussels airport bomb attacks by using the footage of the Moscow terror attack of January 2011.

The "real" video footage from the airport CC surveillance cameras has sofar not been made public

Below is the picture of the three Daesh suspects walking in Brussels airport. There is no mention as to when (at what time) the still video picture was taken.

Apart from this still image, no official CC surveillance video footage was released. ([See our analysis on the fake CC videos](#)).





As mentioned above, there are contradictions regarding the time of release and the source of the above images.

Derniere Heure DH.net.be published the still photo from the CC camera at 10.27am, two and a half hours BEFORE its alleged official release by the Brussels police: at 12.58pm.

The airport was closed shortly after the 8am attack: there are three possible answers:

- 1) that the airport security authorities made the video images available to DH.be prior to releasing it to the police.
- 2) that the Brussels police authorities released the images to DH.be as an exclusive, prior to their official release. Unlikely
- 3) that the source of the still image did not emanate from the airport surveillance CC cameras, but from another source which was used by Derniere Heure DH.be

Most media reports acknowledged that the mysterious photo of the alleged suicide bombers was released by the Brussels police.

The twitter entries below confirm the exact time at which the airport photos were released:

First Release by DH.be at 10.27am (entitled "Photo Exclusive" by DH.be)



Second Release by Politie Brussel/Police de Bruxelles: 12.58pm



**Politie Brussel HOOFDSTAD Elsene - Police de
Bruxelles CAPITALE Ixelles**

March 22 at 12:58pm · 🌐

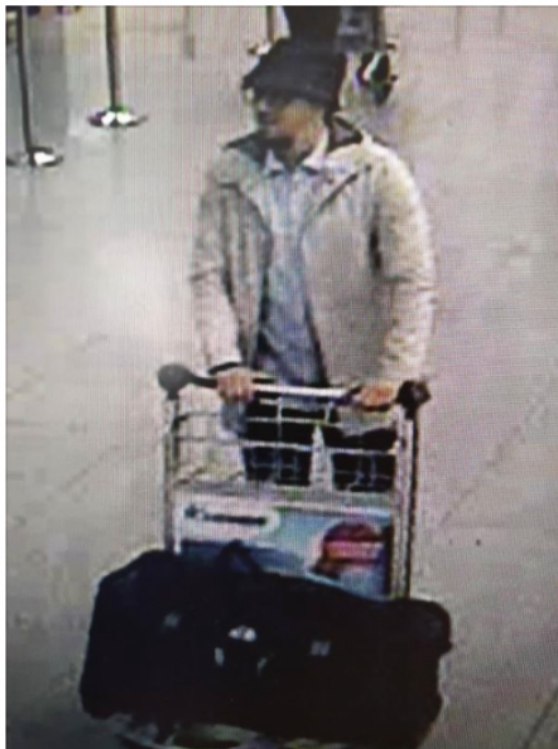
TERRORISME - Suspect à identifier

La police cherche à identifier cet homme. Il est suspecté d'avoir commis l'attentat à l'aéroport de Zaventem le mardi 22 mars 2016.

Si vous reconnaissez cet individu ou si vous avez des informations concernant cet attentat, veuillez prendre contact avec les enquêteurs via le numéro de téléphone gratuit 0800 30 300.

Discretion assurée

[See Translation](#)



The [press release of the federal prosecutor's office](#) on March 23rd confirms the identity of one of the suspects, Ibrahim El Bakraoui and mentions the photo. The time of its release is not mentioned.

Une photo montrant les trois suspects a été diffusée. L'auteur au milieu de la photo, qui est l'un des deux kamikazes, a été identifié grâce à ses empreintes. Il s'agit de Ibrahim EL BAKRAOUI, né à Bruxelles le 9 octobre 1986, de nationalité belge.

https://5052.fedimbo.belgium.be/sites/5052.fedimbo.belgium.be/files/explorer/persbericht_23_mars_2016_FR.pdf

See also

<http://www.dhnet.be/actu/belgique/ils-transportaient-leurs-bombes-dans-des-valises-apres-a-voir-pris-le-taxi-56f153de35708ea2d3ce72ab>

Analysis: Are the airport images genuine?

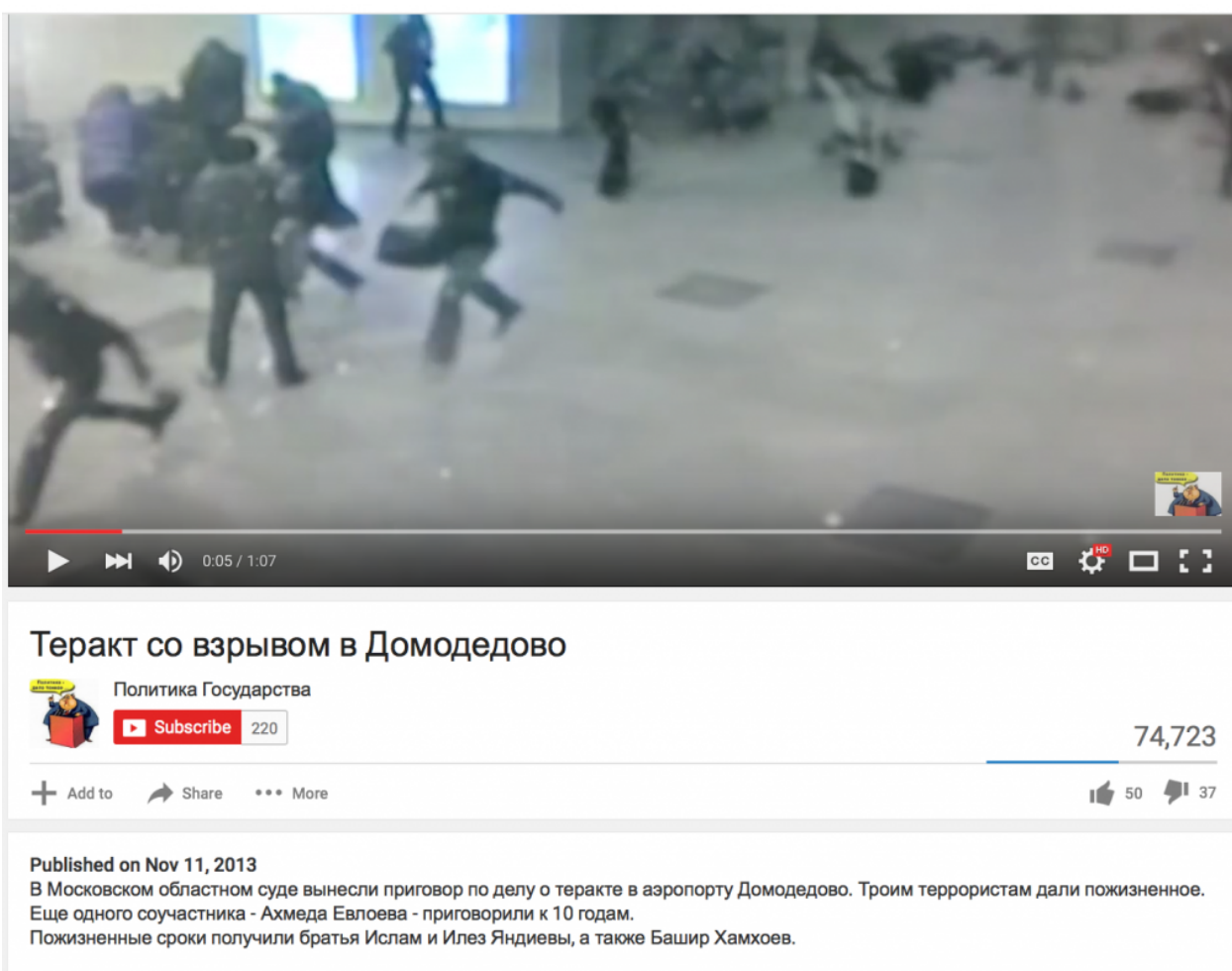
In other words, can we trust DH.be which published a fake surveillance video of the bomb attack (using footage from Moscow January 2011) on March 22 at 09.07 (one hour after the bomb attack). ([See our earlier report on this issue](#), see summary in the text box below)

The Moscow Airport January 2011 and the Minsk, April 2011 terror attacks

The CC surveillance videos of the attacks in real time published by Belgium's media on March 22 at both the airport and the metro are fake,

This is confirmed by [an earlier Global Research report](#). The Belgian corporate media published footage from the Moscow airport attacks (January 2011) and the Minsk Metro terror attack (April 2011).

Video 1 scan (Moscow airport, January 2011)



Video 2 scan (Minsk Metro, April 2011)

Here is a screenshot of the Minsk 2011 video footage broadcast on Belgian network TV and on the internet depicting the explosion in the Metro in Brussels, March 22, 2016



For full report see:



[Fake Video Used in News Coverage of Brussels Terror Attacks](#) By [Prof Michel Chossudovsky](#), March 22, 2016



[Media Manipulation: More Fake Video Reports of the Brussels Terror Attacks](#) By [Prof Michel Chossudovsky](#), March 23, 2016

Contradictions

In contradiction with the official Prosecutor's press release which identifies only one of the suspected terrorists, namely Khalif , several media reports identified the three men as Khalif and Ibrahim el Bakraoui at Brussels airport together with Najim Laachraoui. The quoted source was the official surveillance camera.

Khalif allegedly committed the suicide attack at the metro station. So why was he walking together with his brother at the airport? The airport was closed down immediately after the bomb explosions. [The Prosecutor's press release](#) (March 23) quoted above gives a superficial explanation.

In this regard, several media changed their stories, first Khalif died at the airport as the second kamikaze. The media subsequently clarified quoting The Belgian Federal Prosecutor “that one detonated at the airport and the other at the Maelbeek metro station.”

In a subsequent statement emanating from the Prosecutor’s office, Najim is confirmed as the second kamikaze at the airport. In turn, media reports then confirmed that Najim Laachraoui was the second attacker at the Zaventem Airport. Subsequent reports confirm the death of Ibrahim and Najim at the airport, without any substantiating evidence.



Najim Laachraoui était bien le second kamikaze de l'aéroport, où il s'est fait exploser au côté d'Ibrahim El Bakraoui. Le frère ce dernier, Khalid El Bakraoui, s'est lui fait sauter dans le métro, à la station de Maelbeek. Photo AFP

According to Le Monde “a second man, carrying a large bag, was seen on CCTV in the Brussels metro with Khalid el-Bakraoui” (quoted in the Guardian).

News reports say that “authorities identified” brothers Khalid el-Bakraoui, 27, and Ibrahim el-Bakraoui, 30 as the suicide (Kamikaze) bombers.”Ibrahim el-Bakraoui [died at Zaventem Airport while Khalid el-Bakraoui died at the Maelbeek Metro Station](#)”

But where is the evidence, where are the bodies? Has a post mortem (autopsy) been conducted which confirms the identity of the kamikaze bombers. Is there a coroner’s report?

Ibrahim’s Computer and Will Found in a Rubbish Bin

According to the Prosecutor’s press release, a computer was found abandoned in a rubbish bin which contained the will of Ibrahim. This was discovered thanks to the testimony of the taxi driver who took Ibrahim to the airport. In addition to the explosives, a flag of the Islamic

State was also found.

Un chauffeur de taxi s'est présenté à la police pour déclarer avoir pris en charge trois personnes à Schaerbeek, 4 rue Max Roos. Une perquisition a été effectuée à cette adresse et a permis de découvrir 15kg d'explosif de type TATP, 150 litres d'acétone, 30 litres d'eau oxygénée, des détonateurs, une valise remplie de clous et de vis ainsi que du matériel destiné à confectionner des engins explosifs (bacs en plastique, ustensiles divers, ventilateurs, etc.).

Deux autres perquisitions ont été effectuées rue max Roos et se sont révélées négatives.

Dans une poubelle de la même rue, les enquêteurs ont trouvé un ordinateur contenant le testament de Ibrahim EL BAKRAOUI dans lequel il déclare être « dans la précipitation », « ne plus savoir quoi faire », « être recherché de partout », « ne plus être en sécurité » et que « si ils s'éternisent, ils risquent de terminer à côté de lui dans une cellule ».

The full text of the alleged will (testament) is not available.

Some media call it a "letter". From what has been released to the media, the alleged will does not say anything. In fact it is not a will but a text focussing on Ibrahim's personal fears. Daesh is not mentioned, neither is the planned bomb attack.

Suspects were Known to Police and Intelligence

What is of significance is that all the suspects were on the radar of police and intelligence.

The two el-Bakraoui brothers "were already being sought by police due to [suspected links to the November terror attacks in Paris](#)."

Ironically, Brussels police categorizes Ibrahim as unknown suspect (suspect inconnu)

TERRORISME - Suspect à identifier (2)

Disparus

Recherchés

Suspects connus

Suspects inconnus

Personnes décédées

Personnes inconnues

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suspects

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Autres

Propriétaires recherchés

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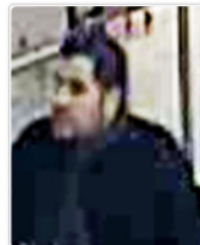
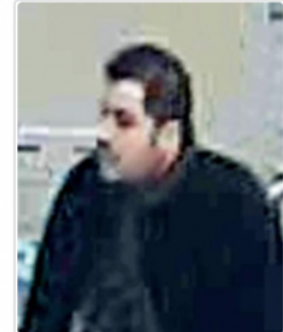
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Unknown suspects at Zaventem airport?

Foreknowledge of the Attacks

Not only were the suspects known to police authorities, the government had advanced information, foreknowledge of a possible attack in Brussels:

“The Belgian security services, as well as other Western intelligence agencies, had advance and precise intelligence warnings regarding the terrorist attacks in Belgium on Tuesday, Ha’aretz has learned. The security services knew, with a high degree of certainty, that attacks were planned in the very near future for the airport and, apparently, for the subway as well.” (Haaretz, March 23, 2016)

EU Emergency Response Drill Simulating a Terror Attack in a Metro Station Held Three Weeks Before the Attacks

Three weeks before the Brussels attacks, an EU terror emergency drill was held in the UK, simulating an attack on the London underground tube. Seven countries including Belgium participated in the exercise.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3469066/Dead-bodies-strewn-tube-trains-tower-block-collapses-station-emergency-services-carry-drill-Europe-s-biggest-disaster-response.html#ixzz43IMRQ1Re>

Is it relevant?

“Exercise allows workers to practice skills they would need in the event of a major disaster such as terror attack”.

'Dead bodies are strewn over tube trains after a tower block collapses into a station' as emergency services carry out a drill for Europe's biggest disaster response

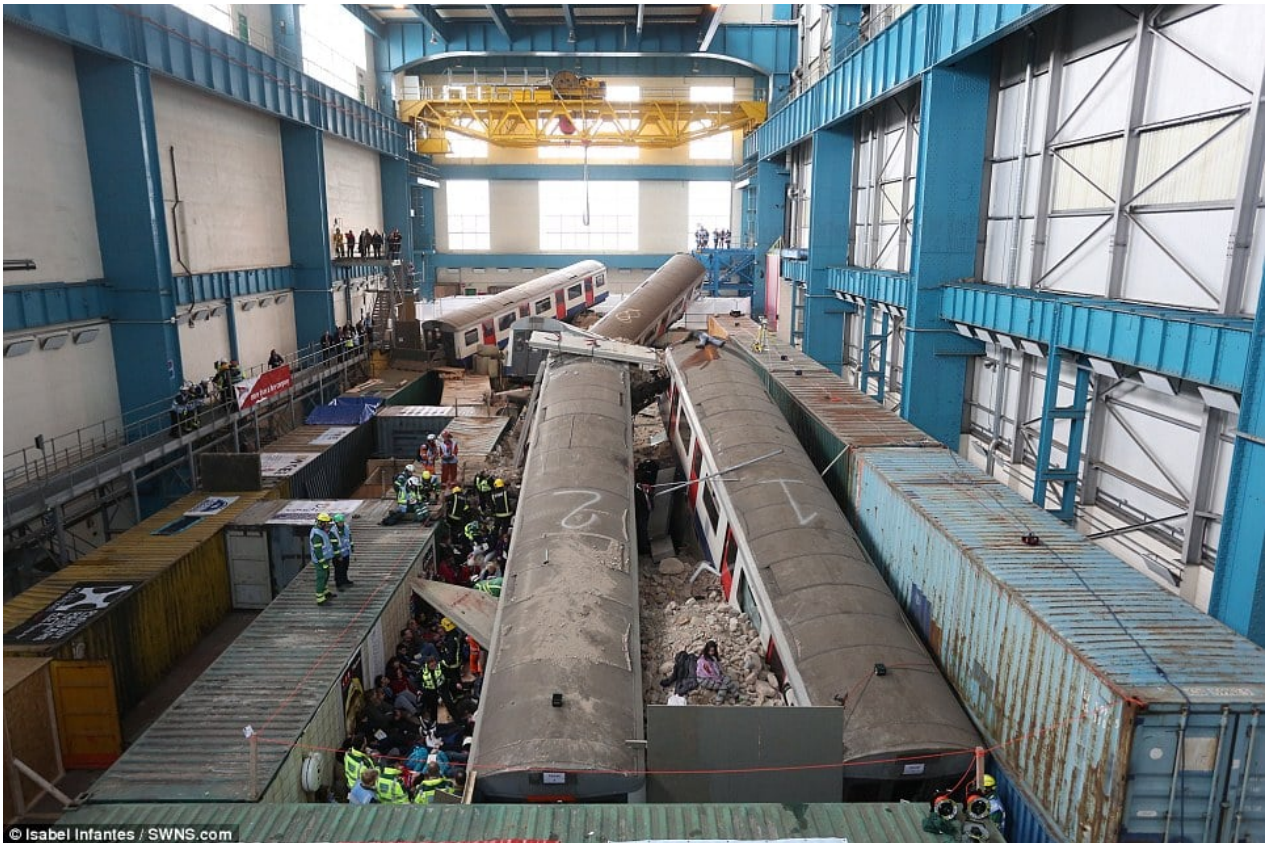
- Hundreds of emergency workers from four countries are taking part in Europe's largest disaster drill this week
- Seven Tube carriages have been partially buried in thousands of tonnes of rubble in a disused power station
- More than 1,000 'dead' and 'injured' bodies were today strewn across the chilling scene, ready to be recovered
- Exercise allows workers to practise skills they would need in the event of a major disaster, such as a terror attack

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