

Jihad Attack on a Little French Church

by Nidra Poller (September 2016)



The following is a blow by blow account of the murder of Father Jacques Hamel as I reported from France at the time:

The jihad attacks strike quick and fast, the otherwise ineffectual French government is at least supplying ample information in record time. Nothing about not knowing the motivations of the killers.

Here, briefly, is what has been reported at this hour:

The killers entered the church, slit the throat of the 84 year-old priest and knifed a second, as yet unidentified person who is fighting for his/her life. The church is in a quiet working class neighborhood that stands next to a not so quiet “diversity” neighborhood. One of the killers has been informally identified as coming from that troubled neighborhood.

And this is what is going to send French society into a spin: the killer from the tough neighborhood tried to join Daesh in Syria. Only made it to Turkey. The Turkish authorities sent him back to France. He spent a brief couple of weeks in

jail before being released with an electronic bracelet. The judicial wing contested the liberation but the courts confirmed it. Presumably he was wearing the electronic bracelet when he slit the priest's throat!

[I reported on an earlier plot to attack a church. Reference will follow.]

UPDATE 3:30PM

A third person has been taken into custody. No further information on his identity but this is presumably the person that was picked up near the church right after the attack.

Precisions on the informally identified killer:

According to *la Tribune de Genève*, A.K. the 19 year-old Frenchman involved in the church attack, was arrested at Geneva airport on May 14, 2015, after he was sent back from Turkey. He had made two unsuccessful attempts to reach Syria, first via Munich, then via Geneva. He spent a few days in prison there before being extradited to France.

BACKGROUND

The Interior Ministry is currently embroiled in controversy about security, or its absence, at the site of the July 14th fireworks display in Nice, that ended with the murderous attack by a jihadist at the wheels of a 19-ton truck.

Sandra Bertin, a municipal police officer in charge, that fateful evening, of monitoring CCTV images claims she was pressured by someone from the Interior Ministry to falsify her report, by indicating that the better-trained better-armed national police were guarding the entry to the closed zone of the Promenade des Anglais. Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve, who denies the accusation, is suing her for libel. The policewoman has not backed down. *Libération* daily published video allegedly showing that no national police were at the entry point, and the police cars that supposedly blocked traffic on the Promenade were in fact lined up along the road, not parked horizontally to physically block traffic.

The municipality refused a demand by government officials to erase all its CCTV images for the 24 hours surrounding the attack. (Copies of those images were

already in government hands.)

Calls for stricter measures from the parliamentary opposition, les Républicains, are systematically dismissed by the government as playing politics. Journalists seem to like this scenario because they repeat it constantly to fill in the gaps in new developments and information. The Républicain primary will be held next fall so, wink wink, the various candidates want to show how tough they are.

The Front National curses both houses, blaming them for disastrous policies over the past 30 years.

Former president and future hopeful Nicolas Sarkozy enjoins the government to implement proposals his party has made for improved security. François Hollande says we are at war, Nicolas Sarkozy says we are at war: they don't mean the same thing and don't propose the same measures: Hollande raises constitutional arguments to oppose Sarkozy's demand for administrative detention of flagged terror suspects. The president is convoking representatives of "all" confessions to make an umpteenth show of unity in the face of diversity.

Meanwhile, the annual festive Paris Plages operation is underway on the banks of the Seine. Last year's invited "beach," Tel Aviv on the Seine, provoked controversy, placated by authorization of a Gaza beach, animated by the BDS movement, right next to the Tel Aviv sector. This year the guest is Jasmin Beach, and the beachfront city of Sousse is honored. No protests, no complaints. The jihad truck driver came from M'kasen, a hotbed of Islamism a short drive from Sousse where 38 infidels were gunned down on the beach not long ago.

Daesh has threatened the same treatment for French beaches.

French churches had been warned that they were a target.

UPDATE 17:10

One of the nuns that was in the church when the killers arrived testified on BFM TV:

The killers recorded the whole scene. They forced the priest to kneel, they pronounced what seemed like a ceremonial in Arabic. When they started to slit his throat, she escaped, and notified the police.

According to some official sources, they arrived “quickly”...within 20 minutes.

N.B. Hollande says we are at war, meaning in Syria and Iraq. Sarkozy includes France. There’s the difference. The opposition is calling for a quasi-military domestic response to a war that the government is treating as a criminal affair.

One of the proposals made by the opposition and rejected by the governing party last week was to prohibit early release (for good behavior?) or parole of prisoners sentenced for terrorist acts or plots. Prison terms in France are generally reduced by one half. The prisons are overcrowded!

UPDATE 9:46 PM

Once again and more and more often, the special Procureur de Paris in charge of terrorism, addressed the press and public with confirmed information on the jihad attack against the small Normandy church this morning. A full report will follow within a few hours.

Until then, here are some important points:

The slaughtered priest was 86 not 84. Strangely, the timeline given by the Procureur differs slightly from what was reported by Soeur Danielle, the nun who managed to escape and call for help.

Far from avoiding the essentials, the Procureur gave a rather literary evaluation of the “state of the union,” as far as terrorism is concerned. He summed up all the profiles. Those who have already been to Syria, or tried and failed, or never tried to go. Men with criminal records, others without. Some actually mandated by Daesh and others that take it on themselves... And what they all have in common is that they are impregnated with the same ideology.

For those who seek to prove that the French won’t say the dirty word—Islam—rest assured. No one can even try to hide it anymore. And everyone knows what Daesh means.

One of the Daesh soldiers is now identified as 19 year-old Adel Karmish. A family member notified the appropriate services in May 2015 that he had left home and they suspected he was trying to get to Syria. He was found in Germany, brought back to France, and placed under surveillance, with all kinds of obligations, including living with his family, surrendering his travel

documents, engaging in some kind of gainful employment, etc.

He slipped away again that winter, using his cousin's ID, made it to Turkey, was sent back to France via Geneva (his port of exit), and placed in detention, charged with association with a terrorist enterprise, etc. He was released in March 2016, with a similar surveillance regime and similar obligations, including the electronic bracelet, partial house arrest, daily reporting to the police precinct, etc. The *parquet* (the bench, the State judicial authority) objected to this liberation. But the anti-terrorist judge who heard the case confirmed it. On March 25, 2016.

And here is the chilling echo. Mohamed Laouiej Bouhlel, the driver of the jihad truck that killed 84 people in Nice on July 14th, was given a suspended sentence for assault and battery...on March 24, 2016.

The second killer has not yet been identified. A third person, picked up near the church right after the attack, has been identified as a 17 year-old born in Algeria, whose older brother is fighting with Daesh in Syria. And how did he make it to Syria, undetected? Big brother, my friends, went there on the passport of Adel Kermish.

And this is why your faithful reporter will need some time to sift through the information, the evidence, and the reactions.

But I leave you with one more piece of the bloody puzzle: The slaughtered priest, Father Jacques Hamel, took part in monthly Muslim-Catholic interfaith meetings to search for ways to deal with the problems of "radicalization." If he had not been slaughtered this morning, he would have attended the meeting scheduled this evening. This information was given to *le Figaro* by Imam Mohamed Karabila.

Further, the rector of the Lyon mosque, Kamel Kaptane, declared [condescending article](#) about "bleeding heart France," Stephen Brown assures us "the only French leader who appears not to have surrendered is Marine Le Pen." Confusing the president of the Front National with her niece, Marion Maréchal Le Pen—who has indeed announced she will join the National Guard—he blithely delivers us into the hands of the Le Pen party. There is much to be said on this subject, but I already said it in 2014. [Dispatch International, NER]. And, by the way,

the Daesh soldiers did not “do a sort of sermon around the altar in Arabic.” They swore an oath [*serment*]. It matters. At least to me, it matters to get things straight.

And now, two days after the atrocity committed in the St. Etienne du Vouvray church, the answers keep turning into questions. I do not have boots on the ground. I sift through the widest range of secondary sources, doing my utmost to sift out nuggets of reality from the sludge of approximations.

For example: the longwinded centrist François Bayrou (who supported François Hollande in 2012) is outraged at the absence of protection of the targeted church, situated, he says, right near a Salafist mosque. But, objects a journalist reporting on the affair, Professor Bayrou is mistaken: the mosque near this church is not Salafist. It’s another mosque near another church in the town that, sadly, had donated a piece of its land for construction of the mosque. God’s little acre? So there are two churches and two mosques for a population of 30,000? Latifa ibn Zlaten whose son Imad was executed by Mohamed Merah in 2012, lives nearby, the memorial service for her son was held in that mosque, built on land donated by the church and, she says, it’s not extremist. Christians and Muslims get along beautifully. Mohammed Karabila, president of the mosque is absolutely disgusted by these accusations. Everything is done in his mosque, he says, to encourage worshippers to be good citizens, good neighbors, respectful and diligent.

Interviewed by *Causeur* magazine, a schoolteacher with more than 20 years’ experience in St. Etienne du Vouvray and a nearby commune, testifies to the gradual, inexorable Salafization of local Muslims. The vast majority of children in the public schools are Muslim. Demands for sharia compliance increase and intensify. Dozens of young people have joined or tried to join the Caliphate. The local convert Maxime Huchard is a notoriously cruel Daesh henchman.

In the early 2000s, then Interior Minister Daniel Vaillant (Socialist) dismissed the wave of attacks against Jews as nothing worse than *incivilités* [rudeness]. The halal butchering of DJ Sébastien Selamn in 2003 was downgraded to an act of jealousy by a psychologically disturbed neighbor. His killer, Adel Amataibou, was never brought to justice. Someone like Adel Kermiche might have beaten up a Jew or thrown a firebomb into a synagogue (if there are any in that town) in those days. Today, he is a soldier of Daesh. He walks into the church around the

corner from his family home in a quaint Normandy town and slits the throat of an 86 year-old priest devoted to interfaith dialogue. And there is no end in sight.

One question that had been left hanging has now been answered. Why did the Daesh slaughterers come out of the church after the police had failed in their attempt to enter? They used the hostages as human shields. It didn't prevent sharpshooters from neutralizing them without harming the hostages.

Today, the second killer has been formally identified as 19 year-old Abdelmalik Nabil Petitjean. The neighbors are dumbfounded. They saw him playing soccer on Sunday. His mother says he's not a terrorist, he's an angel. He wasn't religious. Had no criminal record. Perfectly integrated. The name-Petitjean- and the features on his photo ID suggest he is "mixed."

On June 29th Turkish authorities notified the French—two weeks after the fact—that Petitjean had tried to join the caliphate. They gave his name, but not his photo. He was flagged as a security risk. An unidentified foreign intel service alerted the French, around the 22nd of July, that a French jihadist was likely to commit an attack in the coming days, perhaps with an accomplice. They gave a photo but no name. The alert was sent out. But Petitjean wasn't identified as the suspect until after the priest had been killed and the parishioner stabbed. His ID was found in Adel Kermiche's room.

If all of the above is accurate, why didn't the police find Petitjean sometime between the 29th of June and the 22nd of July? If they had his name they could find his ID, his address, his room, his hidden keffieh, koran, and lethal projects. The answer might be that there are so many flags, they just hadn't gotten around to it. I don't know. I can only wonder.

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Documentation du jour:

[the first Christian martyr](#). I can't find his Hebrew name.

According to [The article](#) ends with the bit about the killers "giving a sermon at the altar" before slaughtering the priest. Could [Le Figaro](#), from an original source in the regional paper, *Sud Ouest*.)

[A report on the refusal of the local mosque to perform funeral rites for Adel Kermiche](#)

The stepfather:

Frank Petitjean, a welder, was married to Abdelmalik's mother. They met when the boy was five or six months old, Petitjean officially gave the child his name, and raised him until the couple divorced in 2011. The father is afraid their 17 year-old daughter will follow in her brother's footsteps. Petitjean confirms his ex-wife's description of her son as a sweet, charming, innocent boy. And, adds the stepfather, easily influenced. Even after the atrocity had been committed and her son identified, the mother screamed in denial. "He is an angel. I did not give birth to a devil." It is normal to dismiss this kind of maternal blindness but in the case of Abdelmalik Petitjean, other sources concur. How did he hide the evil that had lodged in his heart? How did he transition from a sweet somewhat naïve kid to a Daesh executioner? How did he head to the caliphate, get picked up in Turkey and sent back to France without his mother even suspecting that something strange was going on? I hear someone in the middle of the audience hissing "taqqiya." Yes, my friend, I know about *taqqiya*.

Let's go back to the timeline. English-language sources are reporting that Petitjean, flagged as a security risk, was able to get a full-time job at the Chambéry airport. Not exactly. Security risks do work at airports in Europe, as in the United States. Security and hiring are farmed out to agencies. That's how Petitjean got a temporary job from December 2015 to April 2016. He left for Turkey in mid-June. And, as noted above, French authorities were informed at the end of June. We may know one day why they couldn't trace him if they had his name. The fact is they didn't, and he was not on a watch list when he worked at the airport.

However, Petitjean says his ex-wife informed him three months ago that she and Abdelmalik were summoned to the local mosque. The imam warned his mother that he was hanging around with the *barbus* [the beardies, the Salafists.] It is widely known that Salafists practice creeping takeovers of mosques all over France. When the stepfather tried to talk to the young man about this, he dismissed him as a racist. They had not seen each other for three years, but did keep in touch by phone.

The shock of the murder in a Normandy church may well provoke an increase in the number of people alerting the appropriate “deradicalization” services. Which brings us to the rule of law. Opposition parties won’t accept this objection as a reason for not putting the full weight of the law where it belongs—in handcuffs on traitors. But it will require a massive reorganization of the penal system, from judges to retention centers. An offended Erdogan can round up tens of thousands of prisoners from one day to the next, all the facilities are available as if by magic. In slow moving bureaucratic France this will take months or even years. It will be a decisive issue in the 2017 presidential elections.

The hostages:

Three nuns and a lay couple were in the church on that fateful morning. Like the priest, they were all elderly. After a lifetime of ministering to disadvantaged children, often Muslim, in tough neighborhoods, the nuns had retired to the quiet town of St. Etienne du Vouvray. They were not picked out of a crowd of worshippers and held hostage, as many accounts seem to suggest. There were only five people in the church, plus the priest, when a young man in a blue polo shirt walked in and asked when the church would be “open.” A nun said he should come back in 10 minutes. He did come back, with his accomplice, both dressed in black as Daesh soldiers and brandishing knives.

They took their oath, threatened to kill all Christians, slit the throat of the priest, forcing the layman to photograph the scene with their cell phone. Then they stabbed him and left him for dead. Sister Huguette says one of the killers smiled at her sweetly “a smile of happiness, not triumph.” Israelis often describe this smile on the face of a shahid as he launches into a martyrdom operation.

The stabbing was followed by a macabre disputation with the nuns. The killers declared that Jesus could not be the son of a God because he was a human being. They asked one of the nuns if she had read the Koran. She said yes, she had read several sourates and was impressed by the message of peace. Peace, replied the killer, you will have peace when you stop bombing and killing Muslims. He asked her if she was afraid to die. She said No.

Sensing that the police would storm the church, the killers became agitated,

started breaking things, shouting allahu akhbar. They made an attempt to go out, using the nuns as human shields, but they didn't fully protect themselves. "As if they were walking into death," she said. The police came into the church by a side door and shot the two Daesh soldiers dead.

The mosque will not bury Kermiche.

Times of Israel reports that the mosque will not perform funeral services for Kermiche. Mosque president Mohammed Karabila [quoted in update July 26/midnight] is furious at this young man who killed his good friend, Father Hamel, and brought shame on Islam.

And we almost have the answer to the question of which church is next to the mosque. It's Sainte Thérèse, the other church, housed in a modern could-be-anything building with none of the architectural symbolic weight of the St. Etienne church that is the very image of France. Ste. Thérèse is the church that sold a piece of its land for a pittance for construction of the mosque. There it is, right next door. Yesterday, Christians prayed in the mosque and Muslims prayed in the church, and messages of peace and fraternity flowered o'er the land. So is this the Salafist mosque that François Bayrou was talking about? [update July 28]? How could it be? Here's the mosque. With a sign on the gate: mosque in mourning. And standing in front: a bearded man in kamis and two women in niqab.



UPDATE AUGUST 1

Why does it matter to get things straight, even seemingly small details? Why does it matter to say, again, that Abdelmalik Petitjean was not a flagged security risk when he got hired, through an interim employment agency, as a baggage handler at the Chambéry airport? It was not a full-time job. He worked weekends. He was finishing his studies. It matters because he is not an example of flagrant negligence in the hiring of airport personnel; he's an example of a nearly undetectable risk that was to all intents and purposes smoothly integrated into French society. He's one more element of proof against the sociological argument about discrimination breeding resentment and sharpening the slaughterer's knife. So, if you don't think the free world will live or die on the toss of a coin, then you might agree that we are in the early stages of a process. And it matters how we present the facts. Democracies will learn, improve, and defend themselves. There is no reason for despair.

Abdelmalik Petitjean wasn't an ex nihilo jihadist with nothing but the Net for inspiration. His cousin, identified as 30 year-old Farid K., has been charged and imprisoned; preliminary investigations have concluded that he knew a murderous attack was imminent. Jean-Philippe J. a twenty year-old who had tried to reach the caliphate with Petitjean in June has also been charged and jailed.

Charitable Christianity

We didn't get news this weekend, we got preached at: We will not answer hatred with hatred and violence with violence. They wish to divide us, we will stick closer together than ever. We always loved, respected, admired and hung out with our fellow men of the cloth. Now we are inseparable. The media surfed on giant waves of peace & love. We drowned in it, suffocated, strangled, choked and nothing could stop it. We were like geese stuffed to make foie gras. You would think the entire French population that would normally be reeling from an unending series of attacks and atrocities (I don't have time or space to list the "minor" incidents that have occurred over the past month) has only one wish in its collective mind: Christian-Muslim communion. Correspondents stood in front of little churches, big mosques, majestic cathedrals, swooning over fraternity in the pulpit, in the congregation, on the doorsteps, and in the churchyards. Muslim and Christian spokesmen stood shoulder to shoulder, outdoing each other in interfaith devotion, overflowing with kindness in their hearts and

in their places of worship. Some Catholic clergy went as far as merciful forgiveness for the executioners.

Methinks the lady doth protest too much. Turtle dove reporters cooed over the presence of “many” Muslims in the cathedral but the camera didn’t find the right angle to prove the point. A bit of truth slipped into an article in the *Journal du Dimanche*: the Christians at Ste. Thérèse Church in St. Etienne du Vouvray didn’t quite make it into the neighboring Yahya mosque for Friday prayers as planned. They were put off by “all those women in long black robes and the men with long beards.” The service was led by Abdellatif Hmito, the imam from Oissel, known for his eloquence in French, in the absence of the mosque’s regularly officiating imam, who does not speak French at all.

Adel Kermiche was the black sheep of a respectable family. His older sister is a surgeon, all his siblings have degrees and successful careers. His mother is a teacher. There has been no mention of a father. Though the family does not worship at the mosque, the mother sought help for her radicalized son. Mosque president, Mohammed Karabila, regrets that he had to curtail his deradicalization efforts because of a lack of subsidies.

Petitjean and Kermiche were virtual comrades on Telegram, the coded jihadi message board, before they met in reality four days before going into action. There’s speed dating, and now we have speed slaughtering. But no one can come up with speed detention. I said it would require a reorganization of the penal system. That’s an understatement. It will require a geometrical expansion, and even then, how will the system handle thousands of dangerous inmates with genocide in their hearts and jihad in their heads? When they are sent to prison like common criminals, they multiply and become fruitful. The Salafists rule like divine right monarchs. Infidels are converted, Muslims are intensified, the young are hardened, the inexperienced learn from those that have already seen action in the caliphate. There is a dearth of Muslim chaplains and no reliable vetting system. This is why judges sometimes opt for the electronic bracelet. They think it is a lesser evil.

So, imagine a detention center entirely populated by security risks. Where will authorities find the intrepid prison guards to face up to them? If the truth about Guantanamo were told here, instead of lies peddled by released inmates who, before going back into active duty, tell how they were tortured, they would

know how difficult it is to run a detention center with this kind of population.

The moderate Muslims speak up

Forty-one Muslims speak up! Did it have to come to this, the slaughter of a priest in his church, before the voices of these Muslims could be heard? These are the Muslims you say you want, *n'est-ce pas*? Dr. Rahmene Azzouzi, chief of the urology service at the university hospital of Angers, was invited by *I Télé* to speak (by telephone) about the manifesto published in *le Journal du Dimanche*. He reserved his anger for the French government and the media that had conspired for decades to prevent the emergence of an authentic, honorable, peaceable French Islam. They only invite extremist, calculating, dishonest Muslim "leaders" to speak, to represent, to advise them. Dr. Azzouzi submitted an op-ed to *le Monde* last winter; it was accepted and never published. The nonplussed news reader practically laughed at her earnest guest. You could hear her thinking: What? The media guilty of something? Ha ha ha.

I bought the paper edition of *JDD* to read the declaration: "We, French and Muslim, are ready to assume our responsibilities." Great! And then...what a disappointment! The fatal flaw is in the first lines, where the modern, well-integrated, successful French Muslims give a brief summary of victims of assassination...from cartoonists to the priest. Without mentioning the Jews killed by Mohamed Merah at a day school in Toulouse or the Jews murdered by Koulibaly at the Hyper Cacher outside of Paris, not to mention Ilan Halimi, Sébastien Selam...

It's not just a question of leaving out a distinct category—Jews—in the lineup of victims, it is the exclusion of an essential element of this jihad that is striking France: antisemitism. That was the trigger in September 2000, it was the focal point, the wedge issue, the Trojan horse, if you will, of jihad atrocity in France. And our friends, the right kind of French Muslims, simply excluded it from the responsibilities they are ready and willing to assume.

The Jewish Question

The biggest public demonstration of opposition to antisemitism in France and terrorism in Israel marched behind a banner that warned: "*Synagogues brûlées, République en danger.*" I've taken it for the title of my next release, scheduled this fall: *Torched Synagogues Scorched Democracy*. This chronicle of the dark

dawn of the 21st century traces the development of genocidal Jew hatred in France, its ramifications and international context. We warned them: it won't stop with the Jews. They didn't have to listen to us, they could have listened to the enemy. First the Saturday people then the Sunday people. The response was "Palestinian suffering."

Did I expect retroactive appreciation? Not at all. But this? This Christian/Muslim harmony that obliterates us from the burning question of terrorism? When we were the first in line? The forward-looking French Muslims didn't forget antisemitism, they obliterated it. And how did they react when the CRIF, l'UEJF, the chief rabbi, and dozens of others expressed their dismay at the blank space where Jewish victims should be? They were offended. How could we make such a fuss over nothing? Of course they did not mean to exclude, to deny, to overlook. That should be obvious to any thinking person.

So here we go again. It's our fault. So touchy! And a bit arrogant to boot.

The media, too, were born yesterday when it comes to covering jihad attack stories. Authorities, also, act as if hundreds of assaults on Jews by Muslims every year never happened. What counts today is Christian-Muslim harmony. Read Bat Yeor on the strategy of Christians in Muslim lands, throwing the Jews into the fire to feed their Islamic masters and spare themselves...more or less. French-speaking readers will find a brilliant comprehensive analysis of the current process in a [strike the unbelievers in the neck](#)"?

Heavily armed police and soldiers are patrolling French beaches this summer. The other day on a Normandy beach a man wearing a djellaba stomped around shouting allahu akhbar and threatening to kill everyone. He left his back pack in the sand and pursued the rampage. The police intervened quickly, checked out the backpack, no explosives, and took him to the Granville [close to the D Day beaches] police station but, according to [threatened to make bombs](#), go back to Tunisia and join the jihad. Called before a disciplinary commission in June, [he skipped town a few weeks ago](#), heading for the caliphate, but got bounced back from Turkey to his entry point, Bulgaria, where he is being held while waiting for the arrest warrant to be processed so he can be sent back to France where he will be charged and undoubtedly imprisoned.

Let's conclude the round up with a touching father and son story. The *Daily Mail*

reports that Ali Soboly, the perpetrator of fast food jihad at a McDonald's in Munich, went on an arms training visit to Iran shortly before the massacre. Not having access to German media I cannot track down, verify, or discount this claim.

It's never-ending, what can I say? This one didn't shout on a beach or in a prison... Magomed Guekhaiev, a French wrestler featured on the Fight Night in Montreux [otherwise famous for its jazz festival] Switzerland, reportedly grabbed the microphone from the MC, dedicated his victory to Mohamed [Merah] and Salah [Abdeslam], gave a resounding allahu akhbar x 3 and, according to Arab-speaking spectators, sang the praises of jihad. The organizer made light of the gesture: "It's the same as a Catholic athlete crossing himself."

What's the point of all of the above? I know about it because it is being reported, not hidden. It is so widespread, so blatant, so offensive, so dangerous that it cannot be ignored. The days of reckoning are nigh.

Two comments on the open letter from moderate Muslims [see Update August 1 above].

From the singular author and film maker Jean-Pierre Lledo, born in Algeria and now a citizen of Israel:

"In one of my books on the Arab world I explained this 'compensatory posture.' When an Arab-Muslim intellectual has the courage to deviate from the prevailing unanimity and dares to take a swipe at nationalism or even at Islam, which is already very rare, he lets his community know that he is still one of them. He compensates by taking a shot at the Jews or Israel or in this case, by forgetting them."

Former *Charlie Hebdo* editor Philippe Val gives credit to the authors of the manifesto for acknowledging the lethal danger of Islamic radicalization. But he [*Ruthfully Yours*](#).

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