PARIS ATTACKS: FUGITIVE SALAH ABDESLAM 'ESCAPED BECAUSE BELGIAN COPS CANNOT ARREST SUSPECTS AT NIGHT'

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• FUGITIVE SALAH ABDESLAM WAS LOCATED 48 HOURS AFTER THE PARIS TERROR ATTACKS - BUT WAS NOT ARRESTED BECAUSE IT WAS NIGHT-TIME, IT WAS CLAIMED TODAY.

 BELGIAN JUSTICE MINISTER KOEN GEENS HAS REPORTEDLY ADMITTED COPS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO NICK SUSPECTS BETWEEN 9PM AND 5AM.

• IT MEANT EUROPE'S MOST WANTED MAN BDESLAM - ONE OF AN ISIS GANG WHO MURDERED 130 LAST MONTH - WAS ALLOWED TO SLIP AWAY AND HAS STILL NOT BEEN CAUGHT.

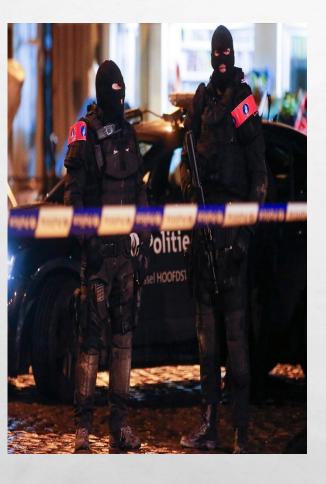


Mr Geens is set to make the confession about the failure to arrest Abdeslam on Belgian TV this evening, according to respected Spanish newspaper El Mundo.

Reports claim Abdeslam was tracked down to the extremism hotbed Molenbeek district of Brussels on the Sunday night following the November 13 bomb and gun massacre.

Cops waited until after midday on Monday to raid his hideout - and by then he had scarpered.

El Mundo's Brussels correspondent wrote: "According to the surprising admission of Belgian Justice Minister Koen Geens, Abdeslam was located the night of Sunday to Monday, but he wasn't arrested because Belgian law prohibits police operations between 9pm and 5am."



The report cited a Belgian media report that Mr Geens has explained the blunder in an interview with television channel VTM which will be broadcast tonight.

Belgium's Penal Code prevents raids, arrests and operations between 9pm and 5am except in cases of "flagrant crimes or fire," the reports say.

It was not clear why police did not raid the house at 5am and waited until after midday.

Officers believed intelligence on the whereabouts of the terror suspect - possibly armed and feared to be planning a follow-up attack - was not sufficient reason and waited until they had a judicial warrant, it was claimed.

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