

Paris attack: who are the victims?

The Telegraph speaks to Helen Wilson, ex-girlfriend of Nick Alexander, a Briton who died in the shootings. Meanwhile relatives made frantic efforts to find news of loved ones on Twitter using #rechercheParis



Nick Alexander from Colchester was working at the Bataclan nightclub Photo: Joe Allen/Twitter

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Desperate loved-ones hoping for news of the missing after the Paris attacks took their search to the world through social media.

A special stream of messages on Twitter, all grouped under the tag “#rechercheParis” - meaning “search Paris”, has taken the place of an official list of the missing.

In the hours after the attacks it swelled with names and pictures of brothers, sisters, girlfriends and boyfriends, not seen since heading off for a night out in Paris. Most are the faces of students and young professionals, from France and many countries across the world. The youngest listed was a girl of just 17.

In a few cases the messages are followed up with relieved updates or, for some, news that that they

were injured but alive.

But for many there was no news at all.

Among the confirmed dead:

Nick Alexander, 36, of Colchester, England

The Foreign Office has confirmed that a British man was among those who died in the attack on the Bataclan venue.

Nick Alexander, 36, from London, was killed at the venue. He was shot in front of Helen Wilson, an American expat who herself was wounded in both legs.

In a statement his family said he was "everyone's best friend" and died "doing the job he loved".

"It is with huge sorrow that we can confirm that our beloved Nick lost his life at the Bataclan last night," the statement said.

"Nick was not just our brother, son and uncle, he was everyone's best friend - generous, funny and fiercely loyal.

"Nick died doing the job he loved and we take great comfort in knowing how much he was cherished by his friends around the world. Thank you for your thoughts and respect for our family at this difficult time. Peace and light."

Miss Wilson, speaking from her hospital bed, told The Telegraph how she had tried to keep him alive as they lay on the ground at the Bataclan concert hall.

She tried to give him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and held him in her arms as he struggled for his life.

Miss Wilson, 49, originally from New Orleans, also told how she witnessed the gunmen deliberately targeting concert-goers in wheelchairs. The gunmen hunted down disabled people who were sat in an area specially set aside for wheelchair users.

Nick Alexander from Colchester was working at the Bataclan last night. Has anyone heard from him? #ParisAttacks #PorteOuvrte #prayforparis

— Anna Bewick (@annabewick) November 14, 2015

Miss Wilson, who runs a catering company Rock en Bol in Paris, said: “Nick was shot in front of me.”

It was around 9.45 pm when the first shots were fired, competing for noise with the rock music being played by the Californian band, Eagles of Death Metal, at the Bataclan.

“We heard a couple of noises outside and people started running into the club. We didn’t know what was going on,” said Miss Wilson.

“Then maybe five, six guys came in with machine guns and shotguns and just started shooting people. It was mayhem.

“When anyone started running they would shoot them down. So we got down on the floor. I was afraid whenever I heard a step behind me... they machine-gunned everybody.



Mrs Wilson, who ran a catering company in Paris was injured following the attack at the Bataclan nightclub

“Nick was in front of me when we were lying on the ground and somebody moved and they just turned round and started shooting us.

“His back was to me and I couldn’t see what happened and I tried to keep him talking and then I tried to give him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and they [the gunmen] were just sort of in the shadows and they would shoot if anyone said anything.

“Then he couldn’t breathe any more and I held him in my arms and told him I loved him. He was the

love of my life.”

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Helen Jane Wilson

Miss Wilson was shot in both thighs and was taken to Saint-Antoine hospital in Paris, after being bandaged and receiving a blood transfusion.



Mr Alexander, 36, was a merchandiser working with the band.

Miss Wilson said: “Nick and I were together many years ago and it didn’t work out,” she said. “Once in a while we would bump into each other at very strange places and he phoned me the night before the incident and said he was in Paris and I went to see him and we spent a big part of the night talking about things that happened in the past and I was so happy to be seeing him and then this happened.”

She said when emergency workers finally helped her out of the building, she lost sight of him.

A woman who described herself as the girlfriend of Mr Alexander tweeted tributes on Saturday afternoon to "the love of my life:"



Polina Buckley

@polinabuckley

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You are and always will be the love of my life, Nick Alexander
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Two young British students are apparently also among the dead.

Valentin Ribet, 26, a lawyer from France

Among the first victims to be named publicly was Valentin Ribet, a French lawyer who graduated from the London School of Economics last year who had been working for the law firm Hogan Lovells, specialising in white collar crime.

He was among scores of people killed at a rock show in the Bataclan concert hall.

James Walters, a chaplain at LSE, posted a message online saying that he was “Praying for the repose

of the soul of Valentin Ribet”.

“Love is stronger than hate Life is stronger than death,” he added



Valentin Ribet Photo: Hogan Lovells

LSE issued a short announcement saying: “We have learned of some very sad news from our #LSE alumni community, following the attacks in Paris.

“Valentin Ribet, a graduate of the LLM in International Business Law (2014) who had been working in #Paris, has passed away. Our hearts are filled with sadness at this news.”

A spokesman for Hogan Lovells said: "This is an awful tragedy and hard for any of us to truly comprehend.

"We are shocked by both our loss and the wider events in the city."



Paul Nguyen

@Paaulnguyen

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@LSEalumni Plz take a minute in silence for #ValentinRibet
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Nohemi Gonzalez, 23, a student from California, United States



Nohemi Gonzalez

Gonzalez was a senior at California State University, Long Beach. The university said Gonzalez, from El Monte, California, was attending Strate College of Design in Paris during a semester abroad program.

Gonzalez was in the Petit Cambodge restaurant with another Long Beach State student when she was fatally shot, Cal State officials said in a news conference Saturday.

A spokesman described Gonzalez as buoyant and extremely energetic. The university was notified of her death by French school officials and confirmed the death with her parents.

Gonzales lived in the Los Angeles suburb of El Monte.

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Quentin Boulenger, 29, Rheims, France



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de Quentin Boulenger qui était au Bataclan, il va de soit qu'on est très inquiets [#rechercheParis](#)

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Quentin was originally from Rheims but had lived in Paris for several years. He was at the Bataclan when the shooting began.

Manuel Dias, 63, Portugal

Dias was a Portugues national who emigrated to France and lived in Paris. He was killed in one of the explosions near the Stade de France and confirmed dead by the Portuguese government. He was a driver and had just dropped off three passengers near the stadium at the time of the attack.

Djamila Houd, 41, of Paris, France





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Houd was originally from the town of Dreux, southwest of the capital. The newspaper serving Dreux - L'Echo Republicain - said Houd was killed at a cafe on the rue de Charrone in Paris. According to Facebook posts from grieving friends, she had worked for Isabel Marant, a prestigious Paris-based ready-to-wear house.

Thomas Ayad, 32, from Amiens, France



Thomas Ayad

Ayad was a producer manager for Mercury Music Group and a music buff who was killed at the Bataclan.

In his hometown, Amiens, he was an avid follower of the local field hockey team.

Lucian Grainge - the chairman of Universal Music Group, which owns Mercury Music - said the loss was "an unspeakably appalling tragedy," in a note to employees provided to the Los Angeles Times on Saturday.

Juan Alberto Gonzalez Garrido, 29, of Madrid, Spain





Gonzalez Garrido

Garrido also was at the Bataclan concert. The Spanish state broadcaster TVE said Gonzalez Garrido was an engineer, living in France with his wife, also an engineer.

They both were at the concert, but became separated amid the mayhem. El Mundo newspaper reported his wife had managed to escape. However, Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy was unable to confirm the reports.

Mathieu Hoche, 38, from France





Mathieu Hoche

Hoche was a technician at France24 news channel and was also killed at the concert. A friend, Antoine Rousseau, tweeted about how passionately Hoche loved rock 'n' roll.

Guillame Decherf, 43, from France



Guillame Decherf

Decherf was a writer who covered rock music for the French culture magazine Les Inrocks.

He was at the Eagles of Death Metal concert, having written just two weeks earlier about the band's latest album. He had two daughters.

Luis Felipe Zschoche Valle, 33, from Chile





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Chile's Foreign Ministry said two Chilean citizens were killed in the terrorist attacks.

A ministry statement identifies one of the dead as Luis Felipe Zschoche Valle, who it says lived in Paris.

Patricia San Martin Nunez, 61, and her daughter Elsa Veronique Delplace San Martin, both from Chile



Elsa Veronique Delplace San Martin

The ministry says the other victim was Patricia San Martin, described as a Chilean exile. The ministry says her daughter, French citizen Elsa Veronique Delplace San Martin, also was killed.

The women are described as the niece and grandniece of Chile's ambassador to Mexico, Ricardo Nunez.

Nunez tells Chilean media that his relatives also died at the Bataclan hall. He says two people with them at the concert escaped alive.

Asta Diakite, from France



Asta Diakite

Lassana Diarra, the footballer who was part of the French team which took on Germany during the match which was attacked, announced that his cousin Asta Diakite, had been killed in one of the attacks.

“She was a support and a big sister to me,” he said.

Bonsoir à tous,

À la suite des événements dramatiques survenus hier à Paris et à Saint Denis, c'est avec le coeur lourd que je prends la parole aujourd'hui.

Comme vous l'avez peut-être lu, j'ai été personnellement touché par ces attentats. Ma cousine, Asta Diakite, figure parmi les victimes de l'une des fusillades ayant eu lieu hier, comme des centaines d'autres français innocents. Elle a été pour moi un repère, un soutien, une grande soeur.

Dans ce climat de terreur, il est important pour nous tous, qui sommes représentants de notre pays et de sa diversité, de prendre la parole et de rester unis face à une horreur qui n'a ni couleur, ni religion.

Défendons ensemble l'amour, le respect et la paix. Merci à tous pour vos témoignages et vos messages, prenez soin de vous et des vôtres, et que nos victimes reposent en paix.

#PrayForPeace #FranceUnie
À bientôt, Lass.



Lass Diarra ✓

@Lass_Officiel

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Mohamed Amine Benmbarek, from Morocco





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One of Mohamed's cousins, Akram Benmbarek, wrote on Facebook that Mohamed had died, while his wife was in a critical condition.

He said: "I just learned that one of my cousins was a victim in the #Paris attack. A newly wed Mohamed Amine Benmbarek passed away while his wife received 3 shots and is in critical condition at the hospital."

Lola Salines from France





Lola Salines

A family member confirmed that Salines had died after trying to seek her whereabouts on Twitter.

She was killed at the Bataclan.

Georges Salines

@GeorgesSalines

Je viens d'avoir confirmation du décès de Lola [#LolaSalines](#)
[#rechercheParis](#) Merci à tous ceux qui nous ont aidé aujourd'hui

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Elodie Breuil, 23, from France



Elodie Breuil

Elodie's brother Alexis told TIME magazine that his sister had died at the Bataclan.

Aurelie de Perretti, 33, from France



Aurelie de Perretti

Aurelie's family told TIME magazine that a call from the Paris police had confirmed their worst fears that Aurelie had died at the Bataclan.

Aurelie's father told the magazine his daughter was "luminous."

Her sister Delphine said: "I just cannot believe that I just lost a part of myself."

Valeria Solesin, 28, of Venice, Italy



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Italian national Valeria Solesin, 28, of Venice, had been living in Paris for the last six years.

She was a doctoral student doing research in Demography at Pantheon-Sorbonne University, having previously completed an undergraduate degree in Sociology.

According to Italian press reports, she was attending the concert at Bataclan Friday night with her boyfriend, a native of the northern Italian city of Trento, who manages a store in Paris. His sister and her companion were also with the group of Italians.

When special forces burst into the theatre, they ran toward the exit. During their escape, Valeria's boyfriend was lightly wounded when a bullet grazed his ear.

When the friends regrouped outside, Valeria was no longer with them.

The mayor of Venice, Luigi Brugnaro, Sunday on Twitter expressed his deepest condolences, which were pouring in from across Italy under the hashtag #ValeriaSolesin

Précilia Correia, 35, from Portugal





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The family of Précilia Correia confirmed to a Portuguese newspaper called *Correio de Manhã* and now the Portuguese government that she has died.

She worked at the French store selling electronic and cultural products FNAC in Paris and was killed at the Bataclan, where she had gone with her French boyfriend, who also killed. Born in France to a Portuguese father and French mother, she had dual nationality.

Germain Ferey, 36, from Vienne-en-Bessin, France





Germain Ferey

French newspaper Normandie Actu reports that Germain Ferey was killed at the Bataclan. He lived in Paris but was from Vienne-en-Bessin, near Bayeux.

According to the newspaper, his family were told of his death by police and the town's mayor Remi Francoise.

A memorial gathering in his honour had been planned for Monday at midday.

Michelli Gil Jaimez, 27, from Mexico



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Mexican officials have identified one victim as Michelli Gil Jaimez, 27.

Officials said she came from Tuxpan in Veracruz.

Her Facebook page says she got engaged in late October.

Her cousin Felix Jose Gil Herrera wrote on Facebook: "Family and friends, the Mexican embassy in France, confirmed to us that my cousin Michelli Gil Jaimez was one of those killed in the terrorist attack yesterday in the city of Paris, where she lived."

Milko Jozic, 47, from Belgium and Elif Dogan, 26, from Turkey



Milko Jozic and Elif Dogan

It has been reported on social media and widely in the foreign press that a couple who lived on the same road as the Bataclan were also killed: Elif Dogan, from Turkey, and Milko Jozic, from Belgium,

They had been living in Paris for four months.

Marie Lausch and Mathias Dymarski, both from Metz, France





Mathias Dymarski and Marie Lausch

The couple moved to Paris from Metz in 2014. They were both killed at the Bataclan.

Eric Thome



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Eric's friends and colleagues announced on Facebook that he had died in the attacks.

One friend, Max Pask, wrote that his wife Laurence is expecting a baby in the next few weeks.

Caroline Prenat, 24, from Lyon, France






Caroline Prenat

French media has reported that Caroline died in the attack on the Bataclan.




A friend tweeted:

A screenshot of a tweet from a user named Yrfan (@Yrfan_). The tweet text reads: "#rechercheParis Vous pouvez arrêter les recherches pour Caroline Prenat merci, elle n'a pas survécu. Mes condoléances à sa famille & proches". The tweet was posted at 9:26 AM on November 14, 2015. It shows 76 retweets and 26 likes. There is a "Follow" button next to the user's name.

 **Yrfan**
@Yrfan_ [Follow](#)

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Maxime Bouffard, 26, from France



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France Bleu reported that Maxime Bouffard died at the Bataclan on Friday night.

He was a film director who grew up in the Dordogne but had lived in Paris for several years.

Fabrice Dubois, from France



Fabrice Dubois

The advertising agency for which he worked, Publicis Conseil announced his death via Facebook.

He is survived by his wife and children.

The agency said: "We will miss you, Fabrice. We miss you already."

Cedric Mauduit, from Calvados, France





Cedric Mauduit

Mauduit was director of modernization within the local government of Calvados. The local government reported on their website that he had died at the Bataclan.

A memorial was planned for him at Caen.

Kheir-Eddine Sahbi, 29, from Algeria

Kheir-Eddine Sahbi, an Algerian man aged 29, was killed, the foreign ministry said.

Other victims who have not yet been named:

German authorities said a 28-year-old born in Munich and resident in the region of Bavaria was killed.

Two Romanians were killed, according to the foreign ministry, which only gave their first names: Ciprian, 32, and Lacramioara, 29. They were celebrating a birthday party at the Belle Equipe bistro and had an 18-month-old child.

One Swedish national was likely killed and another wounded by gunfire, according to the foreign ministry, which said it was still verifying the information.

Two young Tunisian sisters who lived in the French region of Creusot were killed while celebrating a friend's birthday in Paris, according to the Tunisian foreign ministry.