

French minister warns country ‘durably under threat from Islamist terrorism’ after Paris stabbing suspect ID’d

Paris stabbing suspect pledged allegiance to Islamic State during X video before deadly attack on German tourist, prosecutor says

French Interior Minister Gérald Darmanin reportedly told TF1 television on Sunday that the country was “durably under threat from Islamist terrorism” after a prosecutor identified the French 26-year-old born to Iranian parents accused of fatally stabbing a German tourist and injuring two others steps away from the Eiffel Tower in Paris over the weekend.

At a news conference on Sunday, France’s top anti-terrorism prosecutor Jean-Francois Ricard said suspect Armand Rajabpour-Miyandoab, a French national, recorded a video speaking in Arabic before the attack in which he swore allegiance to the Islamic State group, used a name to introduce himself that referred to the Islamic State in Afghanistan and expressed support for Islamic extremists and jihadists operating in various areas around the world, including in Africa, Iraq, Syria, Egypt’s Sinai, Yemen, Iran and Pakistan.

Ricard said Rajabpour-Miyandoab and three others, including family members and associates, were taken into police custody for questions after the attack.

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