

FRANCE UNITY MATCH

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Seventeen dead in the wake of terrorism
France is in mourning
Seventeen dead in a week from terror
What a horror
What a terrible aura
Aura of terror
Seventeen innocent lives
Taken away in a flash
Seventeen innocent lives
Taken away in the blink of an eye
Terror everywhere
Terror in boardrooms
Terror in bedrooms
Terror in the streets
Terror in restaurants
Terror in parliaments
Terror in governments
Terror in the hearts of citizens
Terror in the hearts of visitors
Terror in the hearts of adults
Terror in the hearts of children
Terror everywhere

Today is January 11, 2015
The day of Unity
Unity match in France
The biggest French match in history
More than one million people flow through the streets of France
More than four million people across France
More across Europe
More than forty world leaders in solidarity
Christian and Moslem in solidarity
Jew and Hindu in solidarity
White and Black in solidarity
Man and woman in solidarity
A sea of people
Stretching beyond the eye can see
A Unity match
To shame terrorism
To shame terrorists
To shame the devil
A Unity match
To heal the wounds of terror
To heal the soul of the French nation
To erase the scars of terrorism
To wipe away the tears of the victims
To grieve with families of victims

To show solidarity with victims
Unity matches everywhere
What a fitting tribute to victims of terrorism

It is January 11, 2015
A show of unity in France
A show of unity in Europe
But on this same day terror carries on unabated
Hundreds die in North-Eastern Nigeria
Victims of terrorism
No unity match
Many die in Damaturu, Yobe State
Victims of terrorism
No unity match
Many die in Potiskum, Yobe State
Victims of terrorism
No unity match
Many die in Maiduguri, Borno State
Victims of terrorism
No unity match
Many die in Baga, Borno State
Victims of terrorism
No unity match
Mass casualty terrorist attacks
13,000 lives taken away since 2009
Victims of terrorism
No unity match
Many abducted and killed
Victims of terrorism
No unity match
Unspeakable human rights abuses and violations
Victims of terrorism
No unity match
Terror everywhere in North-Eastern Nigeria
No unity match among Nigerians themselves
No unity match among ECOWAS member states
No unity match among African Union member states

It is January 14, 2011
Seventeen Barotse nationals
Butchered by Zambia State security personnel
Victims of State terrorism
No unity match
Many more Barotse nationals abducted and killed
Victims of State terrorism
No unity match
Unspeakable human rights abuses and violations
Victims of State terrorism
No unity match
Terror everywhere in Barotseland
No unity match

Barotse nationals turned into beggars
Victims of State terrorism
No unity match
Barotse nationals treated like buggers
Victims of State terrorism
No unity match
Barotseland under foreign Zambian military occupation
Victim of State terrorism
No unity match
Barotse nationals kicked around like dogs
Victims of State terrorism
No unity match
Barotse nationals enslaved
Victims of State terrorism
No unity match
Barotseland turned into a refugee camp by Zambia
No unity match
Barotse nationals gnashing and grinding their teeth daily to survive
Victims of State terrorism
No unity match by nationals of Zambia
Who claim to be in unity with Barotseland?
No unity match by nationals of SADC member states
No unity match by nationals of African Union member states
No unity match
The world folds its arms and waits
For more State terrorism to befall Barotseland
The world folds its arms and waits
For more State abductions and killings to befall Barotseland
The world folds its arms and waits
For more State human rights violations in Barotseland
The world folds its arms and waits
For more State bloodletting in Barotseland
January 11, 2015
France's day of solidarity against terrorism
Will there ever be a day of solidarity with Nigeria against terrorism?
Will there ever be a day of solidarity with Barotseland against State terrorism?
Where is Barotseland?

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