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## AN ASSAILANT ATTACKED POLICEMEN AT LE LOUVRE WITH TWO MACHETES

### HE IS EGYPTIAN WITH A VISA FROM DUBAI

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**USPA NEWS** - Wounded by the soldiers' riposte fire the assailant attempted to attack on Friday, on February 3, at the Carrousel du Louvre in Paris. The author of the machete attack was questioned while still in hospital . But he refuses to say a word to the investigators ...

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It is a long investigation that begins for the Antiterrorist Prosecutor's Office in Paris. Because the perpetrator of the attack against 4 soldiers, still hospitalized, was notified of his custody on Saturday 4 February in the early evening. The doctors judging that his was greatly improved, the investigators were able to question him. In vain. Wounded in silence, the man, arrived in Paris on January 26, from the United Arab Emirates, with a tourist visa, did not even decline his identity.

According to the first elements available to the authorities, the man could be Abdallah El-Hamahmy, 29 years old. Director of a small business in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, he would be of Egyptian origin. It is his father, still living in Egypt who would have recognized his photo by surfing on Facebook and would have identified it. Lost, his father Reda, who still lives in Egypt, says he is "shocked. I can not believe for a moment that my son is involved," he said. According to his statements, his son has never shown the slightest sign of radicalization

### THE ASSAILANT IS A SINGLE BUSINESS EXECUTIVE MARRIED AND FATHER OF A BABY-----

According to the public profile of the assailant of the Louvre, if the DNA analyzes confirm his identity, one discovers a young man a priori socially well integrated, law graduate, endowed with an interesting job, well paid. He is also married and father of a small boy of 7 months. On social networks, he presents himself as a fan of soccer and Hollywood comedy, in this case "Mom I missed the plane". In the personal effects found in the apartment he rented, in the heart of the beautiful Parisian districts, nothing allowed the investigators to highlight the signs of a possible radicalization, but the tweets he published , Mysterious and aggressive, suggested that he was considering action. "No negotiation possible, no compromise, no ointment to pass, and certainly no return possible. There is no peace in the war" published the man before proceeding to the act ...

The alleged attack took place around 9:50 am Friday, February 3, at the Carrousel du Louvre, the museum's shopping mall, which remains the most visited in the world, despite the drastic decline in tourism since 2 years because of the Islamist attacks. The aggressor, armed with two machetes, one in each hand, darted on a patrol of Sentinel force soldiers to the cry of "Allahu Akbar". He struck at the head a first military, wounding him slightly. After attempting to repel him, a second soldier had no choice but to open fire, wounding the assailant. A man armed with two machetes rushed Friday on a patrol at the Carrousel du Louvre. Wounded, the arrested man was taken into custody in the hospital. It has been placed under

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According to "Le Monde" The motives of the assailant are not yet known, but it is "an act whose terrorist character is hardly doubtful", for President François Hollande. No marks of allegiance to a jihadist group were found during the search of the dwelling he rented. However, the investigators, who questioned his motives and possible accomplices, are looking at tweets posted in Arabic on an account in the name of Abdallah El-Hamahmy. Ten messages were posted between 9:27 and 9:34, a few minutes before the attack. **THE EGYPTIAN ASSAILANT COMES FROM DUBAI WITH A TOURIST VISA**

On 8 November 2016, the assailant, residing in the United Arab Emirates, obtained a tourist visa for one month from the Consulate of France in Dubai. On January 26, he landed in Paris with a return flight scheduled for February 5, and he moved in for a week, for 1,700 euros, to an apartment located in the 8th arrondissement of the capital. On January 28, he bought two machetes in an armory of the Bastille district for 680 euros, paid in cash.-----

Interviewed by Agence France-Presse, his father explained that he works as a sales manager in Sharjah, in the Emirates, that he "went on a business trip" to Paris and that he should "visit Museum "before" leaving Saturday ".

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