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## French Muslims targeted by revenge attacks after Charlie Hebdo shootings

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The shootings at *Charlie Hebdo* have encouraged the most reactionary forces to target innocent Muslims in France, after years of incitement of anti-Muslim sentiments by politicians and the media.

Houses of worship have been targeted across France in recent days. Wednesday night, one suspect was arrested after having sprayed graffiti markings such as “Death to Arabs” on the doors of the mosque in Poitiers, according to *La Nouvelle République*.

On Friday morning, further Islamophobic graffiti was found on the Bayonne mosque. Slogans such as “Charlie liberty,” “Assassins,” and “Dirty Arabs” were painted on the mosque’s doors and trashcans.

Explosions were heard Thursday near the mosque in Le Mans. The next morning, police found a training grenade inside the mosque and a bullet that had been shot through one of its windows.

Grapeshot was also fired at the doors of a prayer room at Port-la-Nouvelle, without claiming any victims.

A kebab stand next to the mosque at Villefranche-sur-Saône was blown over by an explosion, while in Corsica the head and internal organs of a boar were attached to the entryway of a Muslim prayer room in Corte.

Individuals have also been physically threatened or intimidated. A high school student was jeered and beaten at the ceremonies marking a minute of silence for the *Charlie Hebdo* shootings at the Oiselet high school at Bourgoin-Jallieu.

In a street in Caromb, a car belonging to a Muslim family was shot multiple times, according to *Le Figaro*, though no one was wounded.

These Islamophobic acts testify to the dangerous racist climate being stoked in France by the Socialist Party (PS) government and the promotion of the neofascist National Front.