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FRONT PAGE

- [Europe braces for new wave of terror attacks \(AUS\)](#) *Jacquelin Magnay*
MORE than 40 world leaders, their arms linked, marched together with an estimated one million people through Paris last night to rally for unity and freedom of expression and to honour 17 victims of three days of terrorist attacks.
- [Returnees stoke jihadi fears \(AUS\)](#) *Paul Maley*
COUNTERTERRORISM authorities believe some Australian jihadis known to have fought in Syria have been actively involved in recruiting new fighters or fundraising for terrorist groups since their return to Australia.
- [\\$14bn spending rise punctures 'cuts' rhetoric \(AUS\)](#) *David Crowe*
A SURGE in government spending has reignited the fight over the need for budget savings, as a new report outlines a \$14 billion jump in outlays in key areas, including welfare bonuses, childcare and family tax benefits.
- [LNP holds ace cards, but hand has slipped \(AUS\)](#) *Andrew Fraser*
THE Liberal National Party is seen as Queensland's most competent managers, but the advantage it has enjoyed over Labor in health, education and transport has been severely diminished over its first term.
- [Defectors flock to Sirisena \(AUS\)](#) *AFP*
NEW Sri Lanka President Maithripala Sirisena has engineered enough defections from Mahinda Rajapaksa's party to secure a parliamentary majority essential for the constitutional reform he needs to turn the page on the authoritarian rule of his toppled predecessor.
- [LNP in lead, Newman struggles: Newspoll \(AUS-WE\)](#) *Michael McKenna*
THE Liberal National Party has staged a recovery in the first week of the Queensland election campaign, but Campbell Newman continues to wrestle with his unpopularity among voters.
- [Charlie Hebdo: Journey from 'delinquent' rapper to killer \(AUS-WE\)](#) *Dominic Kennedy and Sean O'Neill*
HE was a lost boy, an orphan living on the streets as a petty criminal, and perfect prey for recruiters to a holy war.
- [Admit errors: John Howard on being PM \(AUS-WE\)](#) *Chris Kenny*
TONY Abbott is about to receive some timely advice on how to put his government back on track and solidify his leadership — from none other than his political mentor, John Howard.
- [Tension high on eve of massive Paris anti-terrorism rally \(AFR\)](#) *James Chessell*
French Prime Minister Manuel Valls declared that France is at war with terrorism and radical Islam.
- [Momentum builds for GST reform \(AFR-WE\)](#) *Joanna Heath with Andrew Clark*
A second Liberal MP has lent support to lowering the \$1000 GST-free threshold for goods bought online and said a coming white paper must be used to build the case for "major tax reform".

- [Police divided over strategy during Lindt cafe siege in Martin Place, Sydney \(CAN+SMH\)](#)
Rick Feneley
Tensions have emerged among police about the command strategy during the Lindt cafe siege and a late decision that some officers believe put hostages at greater risk.
- [Charlie Hebdo shooting: France mourns as gunmen continue to elude manhunt \(SMH-WE\)](#)
Nick Miller
The manhunt for the Charlie Hebdo attackers has stretched into a new day in France, as police scoured a large forest north of Paris for signs of the killers.

CHARLIE HEBDO ATTACKS

- [Teen wrongly linked to assault \(AUS\) AFP](#)
Mourad Hamyd describes himself as a normal 18-year-old who lives with his parents but, on the day France was gripped by the Charlie Hebdo massacre, he became known as the 'third suspect' - even though he was in class at the time of the shooting.
- [Civilisation under siege \(AUS/Feature\) Matthew Campbell, The Times](#)
EVEN before the gunmen went on their rampage, France was in a fragile mood, fretting over its loss of national identity.
- [Postcard to Paris a sign of defiance \(AUS\) Christopher Bantick](#)
WALKING through one of Melbourne's gardens on my way to meet my son for breakfast, everything seemed so normal.
- [Hostage hid colleague from Hebdo killers \(AUS\) Hayden Smith, AAP](#)
A BUSINESSMAN taken hostage by the Charlie Hebdo killers has described how he kept a colleague from their clutches in an act of heroism which helped police end the siege.
- [Mahathir Mohamad slams Paris victims for insulting Islam \(AUS\) Rowan Callick](#)
MALAYSIA'S former prime minister Mahathir Mohamad has become the first prominent international figure to respond to the Paris murders by primarily criticising the victims.
- [Lassana Bathily, a 'nice' Muslim boy who helped shoppers hide \(AUS\) Tony Allen-Mills, The Times](#)
A YOUNG Muslim who helped to save Jewish lives during a siege in Paris was hailed a hero yesterday.
- [Hayat Boumeddiene may have fled France for Syria \(AUS\) AAP](#)
A YOUNG Frenchwoman of North African origin, she opted to wear an Islamic veil, though she said the pious choice of attire cost her a job as a cashier. She has accused the US of killing innocent Muslims, and was photographed wielding a crossbow.
- [Eyes wide shut to Islamist threat \(AUS/Opinion\) Henry Ergas](#)
AS the Australian summer dims memories of the Lindt cafe, the terrorist attacks in Paris are a savage reminder of the world we're in. Yesterday, European leaders gathered to honour the victims; but barbarism will hardly be defeated by pious pleas for unity.
- [Those who say they are Charlie should support changes to 18C \(AUS/Opinion\) Michael Sexton](#)
ONE thing seems to have been hardly mentioned in the extensive coverage in Australia of the Paris killings is that the reason for the attack on Charlie Hebdo was that its cartoons mocking Islam were offensive to some members of that community, and that offensive publications were at the heart of the debate in Australia over section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act.
- [We're all fighting 'disease' of terror: imam \(AUS-WE\) Natasha Robinson](#)
THE president of the peak body representing Australian imams has expressed solidarity with the victims of terrorism across the world but expressed frustration that Muslims are called upon to denounce terrorism whenever criminal extremists take action in the name of Islam.
- [Charlie Hebdo: West must stop appeasing Islamic purveyors of hatred \(AUS-WE\) Ayaan Hirsi Ali](#)
AFTER the horrific massacre this week at the French weekly satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo, perhaps the West will finally put away its legion of useless tropes trying to deny the relationship between violence and radical Islam.

- [Recognition of Hamas a win for Islamist terror \(AUS-WE /Opinion\)](#) *Jennifer Oriel*
IN the long view of history, the Western world's response to terrorism will be seen as a paradox of criminalising the effects while cossetting the cause. Only a few weeks prior to the murderous attack on Charlie Hebdo artists in Paris, the European Parliament uncritically acknowledged the terrorist group Hamas as a standing government in its motion to recognise Palestinian statehood.
- [Terror attacks show up shortcomings of spy agencies \(AFR\)](#) *Mark Hosenball, Reuters*
This week's deadly attacks in France by Islamist gunmen showed the limits of spy and anti-terrorist agencies, which often have information about perpetrators in advance but are only able to assemble all the clues after the bloodletting has taken place.
- [France and its Muslims at crossroads after shooting \(AFR-WE\)](#)
At about 6.30pm on Wednesday evening, Eleonore Richter was making her way through the sombre crowds gathering at the Place de la République in the centre of Paris when she noticed a man had climbed part of the way up the imposing stone and bronze statue in the middle of the square.
- [Analyst warns of deadly competition between al-Qaeda, IS \(AFR-WE\)](#) *John Kerin*
Al-Qaeda's apparent resurgence in the Paris terror attacks could signal more daring attacks on the West as the jihadist group and Islamic State seek to outdo each other, a senior analyst warned.
- [How the Paris killers were radicalised \(AFR-WE\)](#) *Alexandra Sage*
Twelve years ago, one of the two brothers suspected of the shootings at satirical weekly Charlie Hebdo was a young man like many others in France, more interested in girls and smoking dope than defending the Prophet Muhammad.
- [How Charlie Hebdo attack was carried out \(AFR-WE\)](#) *Liz Alderman*
Stéphane Charbonnier was perched, as was his habit every Wednesday morning, at a U-shaped wooden table on the second floor of the light-filled Parisian offices of Charlie Hebdo, the French satirical newspaper he headed. An array of papers was spread before him.
- [Je suis Charlie: breaking terror's cycle \(AFR-WE /Opinion\)](#) *Greg Barton*
The attack on the office of the Paris satirical weekly Charlie Hebdo on Wednesday seized our attention even as we were becoming accustomed to a seemingly never-ending series of terror stories. The worst terrorism attack in France in more than half a century was so audacious that it stopped us in our tracks in horror and in sympathy. Now that the initial shock is over how should we respond?
- [French dropped surveillance of terrorist brothers six months before Charlie Hebdo attack \(CAN+SMH\)](#) *Nick Miller*
Surveillance of the Kouachi brothers behind the Charlie Hebdo massacre had been called off only six months before the attack because they were deemed low risk, French media reported on Saturday.
- [Woman tied to Paris terrorist attacks fled to Turkey a week ago, official says \(CAN+SMH\)](#) *Roy Gutman, Duygu Guvenc, Tribune News Services*
A woman sought by French police after the terrorist attacks in Paris this past week left France days before the attacks occurred, traveling to Turkey and possibly into Syria.
- [Survivors' edition to keep paper afloat \(CAN+SMH\)](#) *Laurence Benhamou, AFP*
A 'survivors' issue' of *Charlie Hebdo* that will be published next week will also be sold outside France because of the huge global attention on the satirical weekly newspaper after the massacre of its top staff - marking a turnaround for a publication that just a week ago was on the brink of folding.
- [Murdoch's Muslim views stir tweet war \(CAN\)](#)
Rupert Murdoch has used Twitter to call on Muslims to take responsibility for radical jihadists.
- [France at war with terrorism, jihadism and radical Islam, says Prime Minister Manuel Valls \(CAN+SMH\)](#) *Dan Bilefsky, NYT, AFP*
Prime Minister Manuel Valls declared on Saturday that France was at war with radical Islam after the harrowing sieges that led to the deaths of three gunmen and four hostages the day before. New details emerged about the bloody final confrontations, and security forces remained on high alert.

- [These crimes have everything to do with Islam \(SMH/Opinion\)](#) *Paul Sheehan*
When French president Françoise Hollande addressed the nation on Friday in the wake of terrorist attacks that left 20 dead, he uttered the predictable mantra: "These fanatics have nothing to do with the Muslim religion".
- [Deadly attack likely to give new life to Charlie Hebdo \(CAN/Opinion\)](#) *Frank Birch*
The attack on Charlie Hebdo might not become such a cause célèbre as September 11, but I believe it will have parallel effects on the French national psyche.
- [Paris terror attack: World's media pledge to keep Charlie Hebdo alive \(SMH - WE\)](#) *Finlay Boyle*
Journalists, editors and publishers around the world have rallied to the aid of the Charlie Hebdo magazine after the brutal attack on its staff in Paris, when armed militants rampaged through the magazine's headquarters, calling out the names of targeted staff and then shooting them dead.
- [Returned jihadists under 'reasonable' supervision, Tony Abbott says \(SMH - WE\)](#) *David Wroe*
Prime Minister Tony Abbott has admitted Australian jihadists who have returned from Syria and Iraq might not be watched around the clock but vowed they are all under "reasonable supervision".
- [Charlie Hebdo shootings: Liberty, equality and an act of barbarity \(SMH - WE/Feature\)](#) *Nick Miller, Tom Allard*
As the bells toll from the towers of Notre Dame after a minute of silence for the victims of the attack on Charlie Hebdo, Sofia offers half her umbrella in the slanted rain, huddling against the cold in her grey coat and black gloves.

DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

POLITICS

- [Abetz must get on with the job of reviewing default super funds \(AUS-WE /Opinion\)](#) *Judith Sloan*
I CALL it outright incompetence and the division of blame is one-third the previous Labor government, one-third the Fair Work Commission and one-third the current government. But given the Coalition is now the government, it is completely incumbent on the relevant ministers (the Employment Minister and the Assistant Treasurer) to sort this out.
- [Can the LNP overcome the Newman factor? \(AFR-WE /Opinion\)](#) *Graham Young*
On March 24, 2012 Campbell Newman and the LNP swept into power in Queensland with 63.1 per cent of the two-party preferred vote.

QLD ELECTIONS

- [Bill Shorten shops PM, Premier in political twin spin \(AUS\)](#) *Sarah Elks*
BILL Shorten has thrust federal issues firmly on to the Queensland agenda, accusing Tony Abbott and Campbell Newman of hiding from ordinary voters and supporting an extension of the GST to fresh food.

NEW ANTI-TERROR LAWS

- [One more anti-terror tool \(AUS/Opinion\)](#) *George Brandis*
AFTER the Martin Place siege and the atrocities in France, no rational person can dispute that the world — and the free and democratic West in particular — faces a profound threat that is likely to be with us for a long time.

SECURITY/TERRORISM

- [Sydney siege aftermath: Muslims feel 'set up' over Islamic State flag request \(SMH\)](#) *Rick Feneley*
Sydney Muslims attempted to help police find an Islamic State flag so the Lindt cafe gunman might free hostages, but now they feel they were "set up".

EDUCATION/SCIENCE

- [Jewish community decries academic ‘appeasement’ over BDS campaign \(AUS\)](#) Sarah Martin
A RENEWED academic push to boycott Israeli universities has angered the Jewish community, which has accused protesters of appeasing militant Islam.
- [Reforming higher education should go beyond fee deregulation \(AUS-WE /Opinion\)](#) Peter van Onselen
WHEN parliament resumes in 2015 Christopher Pyne’s portfolio of education will again take centre stage. The legislative debate will centre on higher education. At the moment the cross-benchers, in conjunction with the Labor opposition, are blocking the reforms, even though most vice-chancellors support the bulk of the package.
- [Abbott government spends \\$8 million on higher education media blitz \(CAN+SMH\)](#) Matthew Knott
The Abbott government has splashed more than \$8 million of taxpayer money on a media blitz promoting its stalled higher education reforms.

MEDIA

- [ABC gets pasting after Al Jazeera boss’s attack \(AUS\)](#) Sarah Martin
THE ABC has defended using Qatari-based news service Al Jazeera for its coverage of the Paris terror attacks, after leaked emails revealed the network had denounced the satirical magazine at the centre of the violence.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

FOREIGN POLICY

- [High-flying Julie Bishop wins kudos \(AUS\)](#)
JULIE Bishop says she is living her political dream serving as the nation’s top diplomat. Since becoming Australia’s first female Foreign Minister, Ms Bishop has earned wide-ranging accolades for her handling of the portfolio.
- [Is this the end of Australia and India’s mutual neglect? \(CAN+SMH/Opinion\)](#) Amit Dasgupta
At a time of economic uncertainty, growing belligerence from Beijing and a visible warming of relations between Washington and New Delhi, Australia is recognising the benefits of its proximity to India.

AUS/INI FTA

- [Narendra Modi adamant on FTA deal this year, says Andrew Robb \(AUS\)](#) Rowan Callick
TRADE and Investment Minister Andrew Robb has held “the first round of substantive discussions towards a free-trade agreement with India”.

WORLD

- [Sri Lanka’s Mahinda Rajapaksa deserves credit on democracy \(AUS/Comment\)](#) Rowan Callick
IT cannot be said to balance up the shocking news from France, but here is the good news from - Australia’s region, Asia: democracy is alive and well.
- [No outcry for persecuted Christians \(AUS/Opinion\)](#) Lyle-Shelton
HARD questions about religious freedom.

The Australian

- [France faces social challenge](#)
WITH a Muslim population of 6.5 million (or about 10 per cent), France is understandably stunned by the orgy of jihadist killing and anti-Semitism it has experienced in the Charlie Hebdo massacre. But if it is to have any hope of preventing further slaughter in the name of Islamist extremism, and defeating the murderous evil that manifested itself across Paris, it must be prepared to realistically confront the deep and dangerous divisions within the fabric of society that are proving such fertile targets for pedlars of race and religious hate.
- [Paris lessons can improve our anti-terror measures](#)
INTERNATIONAL analysis of the Paris terrorist atrocities has matter-of-factly referred to Sydney's Martin Place siege, along with Ottawa and earlier attacks in France, as portents of a new wave of Islamist terror being inspired, if not controlled, by groups in the Middle East. After much dissembling from some quarters in Australia about whether to take the jihadist motivation of the Lindt cafe siege seriously, this frankness is welcome but sobering. With warnings from Tony Abbott and security agencies that we must expect more terrorism, thoughts of something on the scale of Paris are frightening. So as French authorities continue their investigations and examine how they could have thwarted these attacks, it is prudent to consider the adequacy of the anti-terror responses on our shores.
- [Taking offence at the rise of a new Endarkenment \(WE\)](#)
JIHADISTS have long exploited our security weaknesses to inflict carnage on innocent civilians in markets, planes, office buildings and cafes. But in Paris this week the Islamist extremist slaughter might also have highlighted a weakness in the western world's moral fibre — its timidity about enforcing and defending its own core values. Much commentary rightly has focused on freedom of speech and the terrorists' self-declared mission to avenge Charlie Hebdo's satirical depictions of the prophet Mohammed. Certainly the magazine knew it was sticking its head above the pack as an obvious target for Islamist violence. But for jihadists, of course, silencing a magazine or even ensuring that all magazines bow to their faith-based strictures is not the main game.
- [Islam loses from extremist rise \(WE\)](#)
THERE are sound reasons to criticise Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi over the case of Peter Greste and his two Al Jazeera colleagues. But in an address at Cairo's ancient Al-Azhar university, the global epicentre of much Islamic scholarship and teaching, particularly among Sunni Muslims, Mr Sisi has articulated a wake-up call that goes to the heart of the crisis facing the Islamic world after the Paris massacre and should resonate with Islamic leaders everywhere.

The Australian Financial Review

- [Freedom does not mean tolerating extremists](#)
One of the great ironies of last week's massacre in Paris is that it has taken the murder of blaspheming cartoonists to bring home the insidious growth of progressive intolerance of objectionable speech.
- [Europe: deflation and extremism \(WE\)](#)
The grim realisation in mid-2014 that Europe's economic malaise had merely been on hold, rather than resolved, was just one more regression in a year of geopolitical and economic backsliding in eastern Europe and the Middle East.

The Sydney Morning Herald

- [Baird government's dismissal of Hehir report alarming](#)
The Coalition government had, and has, a mandate to get the state moving. But in its desire to get cracking on a number of multibillion-dollar transport projects, the government risks betraying the trust granted it by the public.

The Canberra Times

- [Public service spending is not innately wrong, whatever games our main parties play](#)
Our two main political parties play a game when they are in opposition. They use the Senate estimates process – a crucial means of scrutinising government spending and holding ministers to account – to trawl for embarrassing titbits.

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