



**7 January 2015 – UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has condemned the attack on the [French Magazine Charlie Hebdo](#) and calls for a "strong stand for freedom of expression and tolerance."**

12 were killed and 7 injured when gunmen attacked the offices of the French satirical weekly. "I want to express my outrage at the despicable attack today against the French magazine Charlie Hebdo", Mr. Ban told correspondents in UN Headquarters in New York.

"It was a horrendous, unjustifiable and cold-blooded crime. It was also a direct assault on a cornerstone of democracy – on the media and freedom of expression."

The Secretary-General extended his deepest condolences to the families and sent his best wishes to the injured.

## **Ban condemns "despicable" attack**

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"This horrific attack is meant to divide. We must not fall into that trap. This is a moment for solidarity. Around the world, we must stand strong for freedom of expression and tolerance and stand against forces of division and hate", the UN Secretary-General said.