



# France: Concert Is Scheduled for Muslim Rapper Who Exhorts Followers to Kill Those Who Reject A Muslim State

France: A Muslim rapper, who released an album named 'Jihad' that calls for beheading all secularists, is scheduled to perform at the Bataclan Theater where Muslim radicals reportedly killed 90 people in November, 2015. Secularists are defined as those who reject the combination of religion with state power. This has triggered a wave of protest and a demand for the government to force the cancellation of the performances, which are an insult to the memory of the victims of the Bataclan attack. -GEG

**There has been an outcry in France over news that a controversial Muslim rapper behind the album *Jihad*, whose lyrics include a call to "behead secularists", will be performing at the Bataclan theatre where Muslim radicals butchered 90 people at a concert in November 2015.**

Since the dates for Médine Zaouiche to play two shows were announced Saturday, conservatives in France have been seeking to force the cancellation of the October planned performances, which have been branded "an insult" to Bataclan attack victims' memory, [according to](#) local media.

More than 16,000 people so far have signed a petition against the planned performances, which represent “the height of indecency and submission” according to the Change.org website page.

Set up by patriotic French MPs, the [petition](#) points to Zaouiche’s “provocative” *Jihad* t-shirt, on which the outline of a sword forms the letter ‘J’, and argues it is “very difficult to accept” the rapper’s professed opposition to Islamist violence “in light of the ultra-reactionary and communitarian struggle he evokes in the majority of his lyrics”.

Lawyers representing relatives of dozens of the families of people slaughtered in the Islamist attack, Bernard Benaïem and Caroline Wassermann, on Monday declared they would launch legal action in order to get the shows cancelled on the grounds they pose a strong risk of “disturbing the public order”.

As well as populist leader Marine Le Pen, who posted that “No French can accept that this guy is going to be pouring his filth at the very place of #Bataclan carnage”, numerous politicians from the centre-right Les Republicains took to social media to express anger at the upcoming shows.

Chairman of the conservative party, Laurent Wauquiez, [opined](#) on Twitter that plans for the rapper to perform at the venue represent “sacrilege for the victims”, and said they bring dishonour for France.

Criticism was not restricted to the right, with MP Aurore Bergé from France’s ruling En Marche party [tweeting](#) to denounce the shows as “an insult” to Bataclan victims, describing Zaouiche’s anti-secularist lyrics as “no more, no less than incitement to murder”.

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