

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2025

Statement on the Terrorist Attack in New Orleans, Louisiana
January 1, 2025

I have been continually briefed since early this morning by Federal law enforcement leadership and my homeland security team, including Secretary of Homeland Security Ali Mayorkas, Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco, White House Homeland Security Advisor Liz Sherwood-Randall, and the mayor of New Orleans regarding the horrific incident that occurred there overnight. The FBI is taking the lead in the investigation and is investigating this incident as an act of terrorism. I am grateful for the brave and swift response of local law enforcement in preventing even greater death and injury. I have directed my team to ensure every resource is available as Federal, State, and local law enforcement work assiduously to get to the bottom of what happened as quickly as possible and to ensure that there is no remaining threat of any kind.

I will continue to receive updates throughout the day, and I will have more to say as we have further information to share. In the meantime, my heart goes out to the victims and their families who were simply trying to celebrate the holiday. There is no justification for violence of any kind, and we will not tolerate any attack on any of our Nation's communities.

NOTE: The statement referred to Mayor LaToya Cantrell of New Orleans.

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Names: Cantrell, LaToya; Mayorkas, Alejandro N.; Monaco, Lisa O.; Sherwood-Randall, Elizabeth D.

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