

The 'Natives of the Republic' is a radical, reactionary group formed by French blacks and Muslims. IT claims to be anti-imperialist, anti-racist and anti-Islamophobic. They're also anti-Zionism, anti-USA, pro-Hezbollah and pro-Palestinian terror.

Twelve days after being attacked, Nouredine Rachedi (30), still bears the marks of the beating he received on the night of July 24th at Guyancourt in Yvelines in the north of France. A swollen eye, scars on his head and hesitant steps. This French Muslim, who has a diploma in statistics and is currently studying customer management, was coming back home shortly before 1am and cut through a public park.

According to his statement to the police, two "European type" men, without any distinct clothing, asked him at a distance for a cigarette. Rachedi says he didn't have more than two and so told them he couldn't give them any.

One of the men then came closer and asked if he was a Muslim, Rachedi told the police. He answered 'yes'. He was then asked how long he was in France. He answered he was born in France and always lived there.

After these question, Rachedi asked why they wanted to know. The second man approached and said "because we are Nazis." He then asked Rachedi what he thought of the state of Yugoslavia. This took place four days after the announcement that Radovan Karadzic was arrested.

Rachedi answered that he didn't have an opinion on it. The first individual then hit him on the head. Rachedi says he fell to the ground and then received more kicks to his body and head. He says he protected himself as best as he could by curling up and covering his chest with his hands. He was attacked for less than a minute, and then heard one of them

say it's enough, let's go.

Rachedi got up and called for help, which then took charge. He was given 21 days of complete rest from work by the medical-legal unit at Versailles due to bruising, a collapsed lunge and injuries to his head requiring suturing.

The young man, who's never suffered violence, appears very influenced. He says he can't stop going over what happened in his mind. He was very scared but doesn't want this "racist, anti-Muslim attack to remain unpunished". After the attack Rachedi, who's a delegate of the CFDT trade union, turned to the Indigènes de la République association (Natives of the Republic), of which he's been a member since April, for support.

The association contacted two lawyers. Rachedi says he's confident that his case isn't the only one but that others preferred to keep quiet.

The Versailles prosecution indicated they're working on it. One of the alleged attackers, known for similar cases, has been identified.

The police originally classified the offense as willful violence committed by 'a gang'. The prosecution notes that according to the victim the remarks were clearly racist, and that the classification might change, based on the results of the investigation.

Source: [Le Monde](#) (French)

Jewish teen tortured in French town where Ilan Halimi was killed

Six assailants, members of gang that tortured Halimi to death in 2006, scrawl 'dirty Jew' on victim's face.

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The incident of brutal abuse began at 10 A.M. on February 22. Mathieu Roumi, 19, whose father is Jewish, was strolling through his neighborhood in the Paris suburb of Bagneux, which has been the site of violent riots by immigrants in the past two years. The suburb became notorious as the scene of Ilan Halimi's 2006 murder, which horrified France.

Roumi ran into two youths he knew. They discussed a sum of money that he supposedly owed them. An argument ensued, after which they beat him and, with the help of a third friend, dragged him to a dark basement. The three assailants were joined by three other youths, all neighborhood residents and neighbors of Roumi.

For two hours the attackers tortured the young man. One shoved cigarette butts into his mouth, another took issue with Roumi's Jewish origin, grabbed correction fluid and scrawled "dirty Jew" on his forehead. The six men proceeded to scream at him and threaten that he would die the way Halimi did.

They identified themselves as members of the "Barbarians," the same gang that kidnapped Halimi from his store, demanded ransom for his release, and when that was not forthcoming, tortured the 23-year-old over the course of three weeks. Moments after he was dumped on the street, Halimi died.

Roumi told police investigators that throughout his ordeal, his assailants employed measures with sexual and sadistic connotations. When the issue of his sexual orientation arose, one of them placed a condom on the tip of a stick and shoved it in Roumi's mouth.

"We admire Youssouf Fofana!" they shouted at him, referring to the leader of the gang that murdered Halimi. Fofana and 29 other suspects are on trial for abduction, torture and murder. If convicted, they can expect a life sentence.

Roumi's life was spared because one of the assailants, who owned the basement space, had to leave and take the key with him. Roumi was set free and returned home, battered and broken. When he got to his parent's home, they sent him immediately for a medical examination.

The next day Roumi went to the police. In a matter of hours, the six assailants were arrested. Most are in their 20s, two come from Muslim homes, two are "fully" French, and another two are African and Portuguese immigrants. They told interrogators that they had not meant to hurt Roumi.

Sami Gozlan, a former police investigator appointed by the Jewish community to monitor anti-Semitic incidents, visited the Roumi family the day after the incident.

"The family was in a terrible state," he told Haaretz Wednesday. "The father was weeping like a baby and couldn't believe that such a thing could happen to his son in France. The mother was also deeply upset. They told me that their younger children were forced to stay with relatives outside the neighborhood. Mathieu himself is still in shock."

"Sadly the lesson of Halimi's murder has not been learned," Gozlan added. "The fact that angry immigrant youth can kidnap a Jew in broad daylight and abuse him proves that the lesson has yet to be learned."

Jewish organizations condemned the attack and urged the authorities to increase police vigilance in mixed immigrant neighborhoods, where fear of attacks against Jews runs especially high.

Muslim WWI Graves Desecrated in France

By [Bridget Johnson](#) April 7, 2008

It looks like it's becoming an annual tradition at Notre Dame de Lorette cemetery in Arras, France, home to 40,000 graves from World War I. A year ago, a trio of neo-Nazi vandals ages 16-21 painted swastikas and other slogans on 52 of the cemetery's Muslim graves, which are gathered in one area and face Mecca. They all got jail sentences. Over the weekend, vandals struck again. From [Al-Jazeera](#):

"Up to 148 Muslim graves in France's World War I cemetery have been desecrated in an incident that has drawn strong condemnation from the country's president.

A pig's head was hung from one of the several tombstones targeted by vandals who also wrote slogans insulting France's Muslim justice minister, officials said on Sunday.

...Nicolas Sarkozy, the French president, expressed 'profound outrage' at the 'sordid' attack and vowed that those responsible would be punished."

It's vile, but unfortunately not surprising given the level of tension regarding the Muslim community in France. Due to a large influx of North Africa immigrants, France has seen a rise in Islamic enclaves in recent years; France doesn't ask about religion in its census, but the [CIA World Factbook](#) pegs Muslims at about 5-10% of the population. Jacques Chirac's push to keep the hijab (headscarf) out of schools further inflamed religious tensions. And that tension goes both ways, including the backlash from extremist groups that want to push out Muslims.

PARIS — [France](#) assigned 100 police officers to investigate the desecration on Sunday of 148 Muslim graves in a war cemetery in northern France.

President [Nicolas Sarkozy](#) called the attack “sordid” and expressed “profound outrage” after it was discovered that vandals had hung a pig’s head from one tombstone, desecrated others and wrote slogans insulting Justice Minister Rachida Dati, who was born in France to parents from Northern Africa.

The graves were in the Muslim section of Notre Dame de Lorette, among France’s largest war cemeteries, near the northern town of Arras. The dead are mostly from World War I, and the Muslim graves, representing the dead of colonial armies, are turned toward Mecca.

Ms. Dati issued a statement condemning a “hateful act” with “racist connotations” that “hurts the memory of our dead, of the veterans who gave their lives for France.”

Dalil Boubaker, rector of the Paris mosque, told France Info radio: “These are probably the tombs of heroes who fell in combat. This is a hateful, scandalous act, an insult to all Muslims.”

In April 2007, Nazi slogans and swastikas were painted on about 50 graves in the Muslim section of the same cemetery, and two men found guilty in the case were sentenced to a year in prison.

About 78,000 colonial subjects of France, many of them Muslims, died in World War I.

