Message of solidarity with the family and colleagues, hit by the murder on two dedicated police women (29.05.2018) in Liège, Belgium

Eurofedop condemns this lethal attack in the strongest words and with a call for renewing the discussion on penitentiary leaves

Converted to Islam in 2012, the attacker had a long history of criminal convictions since his 16th, with several years of imprisonment for acts of violence and aggression, thefts, drug offenses, …

Maybe no one noticed that he was a ticking time bomb, but once more, prison has borne a radical extremist with murderous intentions. He was that kind of criminal, said the Minister of Justice of Belgium, of whom, unfortunately, there are still too many in our prisons.

Since 2016, the item of radicalisation in prisons has been a regular item of discussion at Eurofedop's sessions of Justice and Security.

Lucille Garcia (53), only recently married and having become recently a grandmother, was a police woman in heart and soul, who, after having worked for several years in Brussels, had recently been given the opportunity to work closer at home, in Liège.

Soraya Belkacemi (45) was a mother of 13-year old twins who are now orphans, as they have also lost their father some years ago.

As European trade union federation, we ask questions about the Belgian system of penitentiary leaves.

After Brussels, Paris, once more there is a head of a police corps, this time in Liège, who is confronted with having to assist his personnel in dealing with the enormous blow of seeing how some of their colleagues have lost their lives in the course of duty … but, with such cowardly attacks in the back, no preventive measure will help.

Eurofedop, its local and national members of trade unions, members of the European Police Union (EPU), hereby express their most sincere condolences with the families, friends and colleagues who are severely hit by the murder on two dedicated police officers in Liège.

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