

Testimony of Victims association of Museum Bardo's terrorist attack

This French victim association was created after the attack of the Bardo Museum in Tunisia occurred in March 2015.

It calls AVMB : Association des Victimes de l'attentat du Musée du Bardo.

According to the victims, the organizations that must provide help are the French Embassy, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the State where the attack occurred (that was and is very complicated in this situation).

The victims deplore **a lack of communication in the emergency phase** with the French and Tunisian authorities; now the French Embassy in Tunisia is very close to the victims, it provides an important support during ceremonies, and when victims have the opportunity to return to Tunisia they were received at the Embassy => it is important for the victims because it shows for them a sign of consideration and attention.

The French Embassy was also very involved this year, during the trial in Tunis.

There was **a big lack of information and support when the victims returned in France**: they had the feeling to be alone and not to be helped by anyone.

The victims wish an improvement of the support provided to the victims in France (about the follow-up and the information given by the French State, and also by the associations because help was sometimes unequal).

The victims criticized also the role of legal insurances that do not support the victims of terrorist attack committed abroad (Nb : if the terrorist attack takes place in France, these legal insurances can intervene, for instance to pay for all or part of the legal fees).

The victims of this attack said that **victims of terrorism in a foreign country mustn't be forgotten**. They think that French victims of attacks in France have a better treatment than French victims of an attack committed abroad (in term of information, help, compensation, etc).