

Will satire lose its religious punch following Charlie Hebdo attack?

NEWSWATCH: The [Mail & Guardian reports](#) that 11 are dead and many more seriously injured due to a shooting at the offices of French satirical magazine *Charlie Hebdo*...

Media consumers often spew vitriol online, but they're not afraid to take things further and make their hatred/unease/intolerance known. Not by a long shot. That's why online media from around the world is currently leading with the breaking story of France being placed on the 'highest of high alerts', following a shooting at the offices of *Charlie Hebdo*.

“ Who do you think would see these satirical [#charliehebdo](#) covers & decide to pop round with guns & rocket launchers pic.twitter.com/2933slQeOM- Dave Wibberley (@davewibberley) [January 7, 2015](#) ”

Not just any shooting either - [Mail & Guardian clarifies](#) that two men armed with a Kalashnikov and a rocket-launcher were responsible.

Charlie Hebdo has been in the spotlight in previous years for its satirical treatment of the Muslim community, with the [NYTimes reporting](#): "Its offices were firebombed in 2011 after publishing a cartoon of the prophet on its cover promising "100 lashes if you don't die laughing!"

This is set to dominate headlines for a while as it's such a shocking case - watch this space...

For more:

- *Mail & Guardian*: [Gunmen open fire at French satirical newspaper](#)
- *Daily Mail*: [Eleven dead after gunmen armed with rocket launchers and Kalashnikovs storm offices of French satirical newspaper at centre of Prophet Mohammed storm](#)
- *BBC*: [Charlie Hebdo attack - latest](#)
- *NYTimes*: [Gunmen in Paris Stage Deadly Attack on Offices of Satirical Newspaper](#)