20 Are Convicted in Paris Rampage, Including Only Surviving Attacker

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PARIS—Twenty men were convicted Wednesday of being accomplices to a terrorist attack last year, the deadliest in European history, and sentenced to terms ranging from five to 30 years in prison.

The trial was a milestone in the investigation of the Nov. 13, 2015, coordinated spree of shootings and suicide bombings in Paris, a defining moment for President Emmanuel Macron and his efforts to ensure security in France, a country whose reputation as a bastion of democracy and national unity has been stained by the attacks.

The trial played a central role in the broader narrative of the attacks and the difficult road to justice, with defendants including Salah Abdeslam, who remains in jail in Belgium.

Abdeslam, 32, who turned himself in to police Saturday night in Brussels, was charged with his involvement in the Nov. 13, 2015, attacks in Paris and the subsequent deadliest attack in Europe, a suicide bombing at the Brussels airport on March 22, 2016.

The trial established the extent of the involvement of Abdeslam and his colleagues in the attacks, with prosecutors describing the network as a "criminalized group" that planned and executed the attacks.

The attack killed 130 people and wounded hundreds more, with six of the eight men who carried out the attacks remaining at large until their capture.

The trial opened in September 2017 and ended in October 2018, with the convictions of 19 of the 20 defendants. The trial of Abdeslam is scheduled to begin in 2022.

The trial was widely watched, with millions of people tuning into the proceedings, either on television or online.

The trial highlighted the challenges of securing a conviction in a terrorism case, with defense lawyers arguing that their clients were too young or too mentally ill to be held responsible.

The trial also highlighted the emotional toll the attacks had taken on the city of Paris, with witnesses describing the devastation wrought by the attacks.

The trial was a moment of both historical significance and personal pain, with loved ones of those who were killed or injured offering their perspectives.

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