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Spain attacks linked to radical Islam - Security Bureau Chief

Pawel Soloch, head of the National Security Bureau (BBN) on Monday said the recent terrorist attacks in Spain were linked to the "most radical sections of Islam".

In attacks in Barcelona on Thursday and Cambrils on Friday, a total of 14 people were killed and over 130 injured. Over the two days, the Spanish police killed five terrorists, arresting further four.

In a television interview, Soloch said these terrorist acts should be seen in connection "at least with certain, most radical sections of Islam", because, he added, the terrorist propaganda "draws on the Islamic religion and it is undoubtedly linked to religion".

"Does it mean that the whole of Islam should be condemned? Of course not", the BBN chief emphasised.

"Obviously there are various peoples who, while professing this religion, are not aggressive. But the links remain", Soloch stressed.

"These links are very prominent among large Muslim populations, mainly from the Arab countries", the BBN chief said.

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