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## **AMERICAN REPUBLICAN CALLS TO GIVE PRIORITY TO CHRISTIAN REFUGEES FROM SYRIA**

### **FOCUS ON CHRISTIANS AFTER PARIS ATTACKS**

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Republicans, including former Florida governor Jeb Bush and Texas senator Ted Cruz, called at the weekend for Christians to be given priority in the Syrian refugee crisis, following the attacks in Paris on Friday that killed 129 people and were claimed by the ISIS (Daesh).

Barack Obama also pointedly addressed the issue of whether the United States and other countries should continue to accept refugees, given the fact that one of the participants in the Paris plot may have come in with Syrian migrants. He said the United States would continue to accept more refugees from Syria and elsewhere, though 'only after subjecting them to rigorous screening and security checks.'

Senator Ted Cruz, for his part, laughed before telling reporters in Sun City, S.C. what he thought about the president's comments

'It is one of the saddest things we've seen for seven years, that President Obama has consistently abandoned and alienated our friends and allies and has coddled and appeased our enemies. And that is never more true than with radical Islamic terrorism,' he said. 'Both President Obama and Hillary Clinton want to define the enemy as some sort of abstract and ill-defined violent extremism. That means they cannot direct a strategy to defeat it because they cannot acknowledge who they're fighting.' (Washington Post)

Florida senator and presidential hopeful Marco Rubio, whose parents emigrated from Cuba, also departed from George W Bush's framework in a video released by his campaign after the Paris attacks. 'This is not a grievance-based conflict,' Rubio said. 'This is a clash of civilizations. And either they win, or we win.'...In a news conference in Nevada following the president's remarks, Republican presidential hopeful Ben Carson said that Syrian refugees being resettled in the United States should be closely monitored. (The Guardian)

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