

France gets Toulouse killer Facebook homage page removed

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French interior ministry officials said the ministry had asked the social networking site to remove the page that went up shortly after Mohamed Merah was killed earlier Thursday in Toulouse.

The page, which bore a picture of the self-proclaimed Al-Qaeda militant and was titled "Homage to Mohamed Merah", was consulted by more

than 500 people before it was removed just hours after it appeared, they said.

Many visitors left comments that were hostile to the police or favourable to Islamic extremism.

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