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## US Updates Alert System to Prevent Terrorist Attacks - Obama

WASHINGTON, December 17 (Sputnik) - The United States has modernized its alert system to ensure that the public promptly receives all necessary information concerning terrorist threats, President Barack Obama said in a speech on Thursday. "Just yesterday, the Department of Homeland Security updated its alert system to make sure Americans are getting the most timely and useful information," Obama stated at the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) in McLean, Virginia. Obama's comments come after an radicalized Islamic couple shot and killed 14 people at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, California, while injuring 20 others on December 2. One of the attackers arrived to the United States from Pakistan on a fiancée visa. Obama noted that the NCTC is constantly sharing information with US state and local partners. "Across the country, more than 100 joint terrorism task forces are the action arm of this fight: federal, state and local experts all working together to disrupt threats," he added. Following the San Bernardino attack, Obama said that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was looking into possible motives behind the shootings, adding that terrorism had not been excluded.