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## FRANCE VICTIM OF FRENCH BASHING FROM MUSLIM WORLD DUE TO WHAT PDT MACRON SAID

### ABOUT NOT TO GIVE UP ON SATIRIC CARTOONS

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**USPA NEWS** - On October 16, a high school teacher in the Paris region, Samuel Paty, was targeted for showing in class satirical cartoons of Muhammad, in a course on freedom of expression and beheaded by a Chechen Russian Islamist of 18 years. The assailant was killed by nine bullets, fired by the police force who neutralized him, while he was still armed in front of the police. This barbaric assassination had shocked all of France, and led to multiple arrests. The tributes then followed one another and multiply everywhere in France, between tears, indignation and anger, and thousands of candles that were lit in the birthplace of Samuel Paty, in Moulins. or taught the victim. President Macron in his tribute speech promised that "France would not renounce these drawings." His statements have caused a crisis within the Muslim world, where protests and calls for a boycott of French products are multiplying. Since, several days, France undergoes in addition to the rest, a Frenchbashing and call for the boycott of the French products, by the angry crowds, in Muslim countries, which felt offended by the republishing of satirical cartoon on the Prophet Mahomet who is holy and drawing him is blasphemy.

### A FRENCH BASHING ESCALATION AND CALL TO BOYCOTT ON FRENCH PRODUCTS AMPLIFIED BY THE TURKISH PRESIDENT

Since, several days, France undergoes in addition to the rest, a Frenchbashing and call for the boycott of the French products, on the part of angry crowds, in Muslim countries, and Arab-Muslim. The demonstrators directly target President Macron whom they accuse of "sullyng Islam" by having "insulted the Prophet Mahomet » and felt offended by the republishing of satirical cartoons on the Prophet Mahomet who is holly. In Islam, the Prophet Mahomet is not to be represented, for any form, It is considered blasphemy to do so. While President Macron in his homage speech to Samuel Paty, while he defended freedom of expression, said that France will continue to publish satiric cartoons, without targeting specifically, the Prophet Mahomet (Muhammad), and therefore in the eyes of the Muslims, it was implied that other satiric caricatures would target the Prophet Mahomet, anyway, and that is the corner stone of the offense, leading to the collective anger and protests.

Turkey reacted strongly to a cartoon of its president Recep Tayyip Erdogan to appear in front page the next day in Charlie Hebdo (October 28). "I am addressing my nation from here: above all, do not pay attention to French brands, do not buy them," Erdogan said during a virulent speech in Ankara on Monday, October 26. On Twitter, the Turkish president's press advisor presented the publication as the result of French President Macron's "anti-Muslim program", as the tone rises between Paris and Ankara on the issue of cartoons. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in particular very virulent towards France, personally targeting President Macron, and qualifying him as "mentally ill, requiring treatment" then calling on his people to boycott French products. Knowing that tension already reigned between the two countries, since negotiations are on the table between Turkey and the European Union, with President Macron in mind, about the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan, and the Eastern Mediterranean, following the martial advance of Turkey towards Cyprus and Greece ...

### FRENCH BASHING IS SEEN UNFAIR FROM THE FRENCH MUSLIMS YET THERE IS A NEED FOR CLARIFICATION TO CALM AND REACH OUT APPEASMENT -----

French bashing is as unjust as it is unbearable for the French, who suffer this collateral damage, resulting from a huge misunderstanding. This misunderstanding should be resolved as soon as possible, because the stakes are enormous, both from an economic point of view but also with regard to the tarnishing of the image of France, once known and recognized to be the host of the Declaration of Universal Human Rights, and the reception of political refugees offering asylum and good living.

Only the removal of this misunderstanding, can lead to an appeasement of the angry crowds which are heated on all sides, because one of the other disastrous consequences is that the millions French Muslim, risk being stigmatized and hence", discriminated" within France itself, without counting the dangers incurred by the millions of French who live abroad.

### PRESIDENT MACRON SHOULD CLARIFY THE SITUATION OVER AN INTERVIEW WITH AL JAZEERA TV-----

President Macron, who speaks good English, should do an interview with a large English-speaking TV channel, and in particular the TV channel AL JAZEERA, the Leader news channel speaking in Arabic (and English) to Muslims of the World to clarify the situation.

The President should answer the questions of a great specialized journalist, of this TV channel, watched by at least forty (40) millions viewers and explain that he has never targeted Muslims, or the Prophet Muhammad, who is sacred, in Islam and therefore in the eyes of Muslims, in his speech in homage to Samuel Paty, while he defended freedom of expression. Everyone should swallow their pride and reestablish a dialogue in peaceful way for appeasing the situation and stop this appeal for boycott fire.

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