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182,000 PEOPLE MARCHED AGAINST ANTISEMITISM BY PARLEMENT'S PRESIDENT

MARINE LE PEN PRESENT, FAR LEFT ASBENT

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USPA NEWS - A large peaceful, Republican and civic march took place this Sunday, November 12 in Paris and in 68 other cities in France, against anti-Semitism "For the Republic and against anti-Semitism, for the France of Human Rights and for the Nation", bringing together 182,000 people, including 105,000 just in Paris, with 110 mobilizations outside Paris, with 77,560 people, (Source: Minister of the Interior). The organization of this march, which did not include any speeches or speaking engagements, reinforced the stubborn republican character of this civic, peaceful and national cohesion demonstration, although many political consequences were pressing, except that of LFI (Far left). The President of the current republic, Emmanuel Macron, is not participating, but sent a letter to the newspaper Le Parisien, declaring "to be present with the heart and the mind."

"WE'VE SHOWN THE BEST IMAGE OF FRANCE TODAY", YAEL BAUN PIVET, PRES, OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SAID
Jean Luc Melenchon, only political figure, having refused to participate in this march, claimed it "is a failure", while Marine le Pen, and her troop of RN (National Rally) deputies, well presented at the end of the procession, explained as to she “being there because it is her place to be there” and that it was “indecent to play political politics”
“We are not alone, the Jews of France,” declared CRIF President Jonathan Arfi, while adding “The fight against anti-Semitism is only that of the Jews” The Chief Rabbi of Haim Korsia declared that “everyone was united around the values of the Republic”
Yael Braun Pivet, President of the National Assembly, expressed her great satisfaction with the success of this republican march, “Today we have shown a the best beautiful image of France” while saying she is “very moved by this popular success”
The President of the Senate, (Upper House of the French Parliament) Gerard Larcher, for his part, congratulated the success of this Republican civic march, an initiative launched by himself and his colleague Yael Braun Pivet, President of the Lower House.

TWO FORMER PRESIDENTS AND 3 DOZENS FO MINISTERS WERE MARCHING AGAINST ANISEMTISM
The two French former presidents of the Republic, Nicolas Sarkozy (2007-2012) and Francois Hollande (2012-2017), and the PM Elisabeth Borne, and the mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo, were on the front line alongside Yael Braun Pivet and Gerard Larcher who launched the call for this Republican march. Around forty current and former ministers (Jean Marc Ayrault, Manuel Valls, Bernard Cazeneuve, ex PM), Catherine Colonna, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Eric Dupond Moretti Minister of Justice, were present. Many celebrities from the world of show biz and intellectuals, as well as religious leaders, including the Grand Rabbi of France Haim Korsi, and the head of CRIF.
On the side of politicians, the leader of the extreme left Jean Luc Melenchon (Extreme Left) refused to march alongside citizens against anti-Semitism, on the grounds that the president of the RN (Extreme Right) Marine Le Pen. But the latter, for her part, was present, with her lost vice Jordan Bardella and many RN deputies, wearing their tricolor scarf (Blue White Red), symbols of the French Republic.

FRANCE WHERE OUR JEWISH COMMON CITIZENS ARE AFRAID IS NOT FRANCE" WRITTEN PRESIDENT MACRON IN A LETTER TO CITIZENS
The President of the Republic, Emmanuel Macron, published a letter addressed to citizens through the newspaper Le Parisien-Aujourd'hui in France, Sunday November 12, 2023.
“A France where our Jewish fellow citizens are afraid, is not France” he wrote and added that “No tolerance for the intolerable”, while calling on the French to mobilize against “the unbearable resurgence of unbridled anti-Semitism." The head of state did not attend the march, explaining that he "was present in heart and mind"

THE REPUBLICAN MARCH AGAINST ANTISEMITISM GATHERED 182,000 PEOPLE UNDER THE SINGS OF THE FRENCH ANTHEM
The march started from the Esplanade des Invalides, located opposite the dome of the Invalides Military Hospital, in the 7th arrondissement of Paris, at 3 p.m. The walk of the participants was free, spontaneous, peaceful, calm, silent and moving, sending a

message of unity and national cohesion, around co-citizens singing the French anthem "La marseillaise" and waving French rooks. The march starting at Esplanade Invalides, will take Avenue du Maréchal Gallieni, the Quai d'Orsay, Boulevard Saint-Germain, and Boulevard Saint-Michel. to end around 7 p.m., at Place Edmond Rostand, located in the 6th arrondissement.

No clashes or violence were deplored, knowing that according to the Minister of the Interior, 3,000 law enforcement agents have been mobilized to maintain order as well as elite units such as the BRI will also be deployed to avoid the troubles.
The march was therefore a success and strongly symbolized republican cohesion and the reassuring message sent to the Jews of France, who have suffered more than a thousand anti-Semitic acts since the response of the Israeli army in response to the barbaric attack of terrorist group Hamas, on October 7 in the south of Israel, with a death toll of more than 1,200 dead and 240 hostages still held by this armed group. Forty Franco-Israelis were killed during this savage attack, and eight French hostages are still being held hostage by Hamas since October 7.

THE LEADER OF THE EXTREME LEFT CASTIGATED THE REPUBLICAN MARCH AGAINST ANTISEMITISM

Jean Luc Melenchon, the leader of La France insoumise, LFI (Far Left) estimated on Sunday regarding the march against anti-Semitism that “the entire right and the extreme right, although united, have failed to reproduce the general mobilizations of the past” . “The rejection of anti-Semitism is broader in France. They stunted it and made it ambiguous. The French people will remain united despite their leaders,” he published on the X platform (Ex Tweeter).
A laying of wreaths during a tribute by La France insoumise was disrupted this Sunday morning at the square of Jewish Martyrs at the Vélodrome d'Hiver, in the 15th arrondissement of Paris because the demonstration requested by LFI was refused by the prefecture.

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