

## PRESIDENT MACRON SLAPPED BY A YOUNG ROYALIST IN DROME

### HE & HIS ACCOMPLICE WERE ARRESTED

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### PDT MACRON WAS WARMLY GREETING THE PUBLIC WHEN A MAN POPPED UP SUDDENLY AND SLAPPED THE HEAD OF STATE

The French President Macron was greeting warmly, the public, when a man suddenly popped up from behind the barriers of security, and slapped the president, as he grabbed his left arm. According to the prosecutor of the Republic of Valence Alex Perrin, contacted by Marianne, two individuals were placed in police custody, at 1:45 p.m., following the attack. The author of the slap, a 28-year-old man, with long hair, might be a royalist affiliated to either far-right or far-left, form what we can understand in the social networks, passionate about martial arts. At this time, however, "it is still too early to know his motivations," said the public prosecutor. The investigation was entrusted to the Drôme gendarmerie group, and the two young men of aged 28, are placed in custody. President Emmanuel Macron has meanwhile, continues his march in Valence shortly after the incident, while the broadcast of the video of the incident, gathered the support of the vast majority of the political class.-----

The head of state, was at his second step of his « Tour de France », to over gastronomy in the small town called Tain-l'Hermitage after he visited a high school that is training students to work in hotels and restaurants. Some fo the few people present, and saw the incident, recorded it and sent video via the social networks, that shows a man slapping President Macron in the face and his bodyguards pushing the man away as Emmanuel Macron, is right away rushed from the scene.

One of the President's bodyguard, who was standing right behind Emmanuel Macron, raised a hand in defence of the president, yet but too late to stop the slap. The bodyguard then put his arm around the president to protect him. Another accomplice of the attacker who insulted the President was immediately arrested as well as the 29 year old rude attacker man.

Fortunately President Macron just managed to escape, and asked the bodyguards not to harm the attacker... According to the French news broadcaster BFM TV, and CNews, they were two people who have been detained by police immediately. One of them, who was wearing a mask, appears to have cried out "Montjoie! Saint Denis!", a middle age centuries -old royalist war cry, and added "A bas la Macronie", or "Down with Macron". (Macronie, referring to the Political party founded by Emmanuel Macron)

#### POLITICIAN LEADERS FROM ALL SIDES, INCLUDING MARINE LE PEN CONDEMNED STRONGLY THE SLAP TO PDT MACRON-----

After the incident, President Macron himself declared to the Dauphine Journal "I am doing fine. We must put this incident, which I think is an isolated event, into perspective," he said, and added: "Let's not let isolated events, ultra-violent individuals... take hold of the public debate: they do not merit it." The French politicians from all sides, either opponents, and the supporters of LREM the President Macron's party, including the French PM, Jean Castex, condemned the shocking incident as he spoke at the National Assembly, Prime Minister Jean Castex : "Through the head of state, that's democracy that has been targeted," he said before the MP's who applauded loudly, as they paid a standing ovation, showing a strong support to President Macron, symbolizing the « French Republic » "Democracy is about debate, dialogue, confrontation of ideas, expression of legitimate disagreements, of course, but in no case it can be violence, verbal assault and even less physical assault," Castex said.-----

Former President François Hollande of the Socialist Party tweeted that the assault is a "unbearable and intolerable blow against our institutions ... The entire nation must show solidarity with the head of state".-----

The politician who stoop up the most strongly, is Marine Le Pen, the leader of the far right and stated : "the intolerable physical aggression targeting the president of the Republic". adding fair play ".Macron is my top political adversary, yet the assault was "deeply, deeply reprehensible".-----

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