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That was the powder hitting the fires, which started form Nanterre spreading twirls other bigger cities, Paris, Bordeaux, Toulouse, Marseille, Nantes, etc...

A peaceful walk, organized by Nahel the victims; mother, helped by leftist organisations, called for a « revolt movement'. Last Thursday, Since then, the anger grew all over the country, while the government and policemen's unions multiplied their « crisis council » and releasing communique calling up for Calm and peace, to stop the fire, and hopelessly, stopping the anger s' crowd ....and origin the contagion towards others regions...of France, and Europe. Some rioters and protesters, are speaking out " racism " "Abandoned French underprivileged citizen " " Discrimination" "Violence by the Police " and many other slogans, as of stand up fro their right, considering this tragic event to be the Drop of water that makes the vase overflow

Although the policeman, who killed Nahel, was immediately placed in custody, for 48h, and indeed for homicide via , a fast track process, the people continue expressing not only their anger but also showing their rejection of the French Republic.

This tragic event, recalls of the gravity of such wrong policeman;s behavior towards a teenager, and reminds the Black Lives Matters, movement initiated just after the unfair killing of Georges Floyd, in May 2020...

French President Macron, reacted as quick as possible while he was having a three days trip in Marseille, to rebuild and checking after 2 years of promises to rebuild this largest second city, (After Paris), closest to the Mediterranean Sea, by qualifying this drama of ""inexplicable" and "inexcusable crime", said the Head of State, President Macron responded to the press, in front of the cameras from Marseille, by expressing "the emotion of the whole nation".

#### **"NOTHING JUSTIFIES THE DEATH OF A YOUNGSTER", PRESIDENT MACRON SAID ABOUT NAHEL'S DEATH**

"Nothing, nothing, justifies the death of a young person", declared the French head of state, desiring that "justice pass" with "speed". Anxious not to offend the security forces, Emmanuel Macron also expresses his support for the police and the gendarmes, "who only serve one thing, it is the laws of the Republic (...), within an ethical framework which is defined and must be respected". At the same time, its Prime Minister, Elisabeth Borne, evokes an "absolute requirement of truth", before designating a shot "manifestly not in accordance with the rules of engagement".

On the side of the police unions, who are indignant at the non-respect of the "presumption of innocence" of their police colleague, author of the shot, they insist on "the presumption of innocence" of the police officer at the origin of the shooting, a principle which "is not an option but the law", according to Unit-SGP-Police. Uncomfortable, the power had been looking for twenty-four hours how to condemn the homicide without bringing shame on the police. On Tuesday, questioned in the National Assembly, the Minister of the Interior, Gerald Darmanin, recognized "a tragedy", but called for respect for "the presumption of innocence" of the police officer, adding that "in very many cases, police and gendarmes died of refusal to comply".

Indeed, Tuesday, at 8:30 a.m., Nahel M., a 17-year-old teenager, was killed in Nanterre at close range by a police officer during a traffic check. "

As soon as the Head of State returned from Marseille to Paris, President Macron convened an interministerial crisis unit, which was to be held at 8 a.m. Place Beauvau (Minister of Interior), to take stock of the violence that took place during the night.

President of the French Republic, Emmanuel Macron, PM Elisabeth Borne and Gerald Darmanin, Minister of Interior, all three condemned on Wednesday the act of the policeman who killed the young Nahel in Nanterre. This change of tone aims above all to avoid conflagration after two nights of violence, which started the very evening of the death of the teenager Nahel.

Few hours after Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne stated that the images via the videos, are "shocking images" which "show an intervention which clearly does not comply with the rules of engagement of our law enforcement forces".

"At the French Assembly, a minute of silence was observed by the MP's and the President of the French Assembly Yael Braun Pivet, as a silent tribute to Nahel, the teenager who was shot by the policeman, in Nanterre. President Macron, published a further comment on his twitter account that says : "Nothing justifies the death of a young person"

The French Head of State will also meet Monday with the Presidents of the National Assembly and the Senate, announced the Elysée after a meeting organized on Sunday....To be continued

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