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## **YVAN COLONNA CORSICAN INDEPENDANTIST DIED OF HIS VIOLENT ASSAULT IN PRISON**

### **PRESIDENT MACRON CALLS FOR CALM**

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**USPA NEWS** - The Corsican independence activist, Yvan Colonna died Monday evening March 21, in Marseille, after three weeks of coma following his attack in prison, a tragedy which had led to violent demonstrations on the island. He was sentenced to life for the assassination of the prefect Erignac, died Monday evening. According to Telegraph, Yvan Colonna who is Corsican, also has Breton origins with his mother, originally from Laz, in Finistère, Brittany. Several mobilizations of high school students, in reaction to the death of the Corsican separatist, were observed Tuesday morning in Corsica. In Corte (Haute-Corse), access to the university is still blocked, while most high schools are blocked, reports France 3 Corse ViaStella. Many high school students marched calmly on Tuesday. The President of the Republic Macron called for "calm", because since Yvan Colonna was in a coma, at the Marseille hospital where he had been transferred, nationalist, violent demonstrations and riots on the French island, Corsica .

#### **THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC EMMANUEL MACRON CALLS "FOR CALM-" IN CORSICA-----**

After three weeks of Yvan Colonna's coma, following his attack in prison, had led to violent demonstrations on the island. Since then, his one of these, yesterday, the French President of the Republic, Macron, during an interview on the Radio France Bleu channel, called for "calm and responsibility" in Corsica, and assures that "consequences" will be "drawn", the day after the announcement of the death of Yvan Colonna, On France Bleu, the Head of State and candidate for his re-election hailed the "spirit of responsibility" of the island's elected officials because that, "in this context, the most important thing is that calm is maintained". Sentenced to life for the assassination of the prefect Erignac, Yvan Colonna was violently attacked on March 2 in the prison of Arles (Bouches-du-Rhône) by a radicalized prisoner.-----

The fear of seeing this phenomenon of claiming autonomy through separatist violence spread like powder to other regions such as Brittany, the Basque Land and overseas territories (Guadeloupe).... These French areas have in common, a regional identity very strongly claimed by the local language and its geography (Islander for Corsica and who feel abandoned by the French State, linked to a political responsibility. The next day, the announcement of the death of the Corsican separatist Yvan Colonna, the two other members of the Erignac commando, will be transferred from the prison of Arles to Corsica. This decision was announced by a press release from Prime Minister Jean Castex "After discussions with their respective lawyers", Alain Ferrandi and Pierre Alessandri, "will be transferred by mid-April, after implementation of the usual procedure provided for transfers of detainees" to the prison of Borgo, in Corsica. The same Premiership indicates, on the national Radio France info, that the first conclusions of the administrative investigation into the aggression of Yvan Colonna would be made public at the beginning of April. The final conclusions of this investigation, conducted by the General Inspectorate of Justice (IGJ), will be known in early July. A judicial inquiry is also open and hearings have started in the National Assembly. Source France Info

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