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## FIFTY FOURTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATES THE PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION OF ALGERIANS

IN PARIS ON OCTOBER 17th 1961

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**USPA NEWS** - In commemoration of the 54th anniversary of the peaceful demonstration of Algerians of October 17, 1961 in Paris "Amnesia is one of the worst threats to our democracies, Let us never forget the bloody repression of the peaceful demonstration on 17 October 1961." Mayor of Paris Anne Hidalgo.

THE OCTOBER 17TH IS A SIGNIFICANT DATE FOR THE MEMORY OF IMMIGRANTS AND WORKERS -----

A Documentary film was released on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the events during and after the peaceful demonstration of Algerians of October 17, 1961 in Paris during the war in Algeria, organised by the Federation of France of the FLN (National Liberation Front) in response to a curfew imposed by the Prefect of Police Maurice Papon only for Algerians in favour of independence of their country. The peaceful demonstration was severely repressed by the police, the number of victims is estimated at between 80 and 200 deaths. The bodies are, for some, found floating in the Seine.

Yasmina Adi has made the significant documentary called "Here we drown Algerians" dating from October 2011, and marking the fiftieth anniversary of these tragic events, we offer the testimony of survivors and survivors of the events.

This is why it is important and symbolic to mark the date of 17 October 2015 to commemorate the dead, and the victims of police violence in 1961.

FRANÇOIS HOLLANDE ACKNOWLEDGED THE MASSACRE 17 OCTOBER 1961-----

On this occasion President Hollande had said in 2012: "On October 17, 1961, Algerians were demonstrating peacefully for the right to independence and were killed in a bloody repression. The Republic recognises lucidly these facts. Fifty-one years after this tragedy, I pay tribute to the memory of victims." -----

"The President of the French Republic, evokes thus, hundreds of Algerians, while they were peacefully demonstrating proudly wearing life, and sacred the universal human values to stand still for peacefully, and stood up, dignified for. They have been all were brutally massacred by order of the Prefect of Police. - Maurice PAPON, so on behalf of the French State, at that time. "

HISTORIC CONTEXT

"On October 17, 1961, the FLN (National Liberation Front) is calling for a peaceful demonstration in the streets of Paris to protest the curfew imposed a few days earlier, on October 5, the Algerians (prohibition to Algerian workers to leave 8:30 p.m. to 5:30, cafes run by the Arabs and / or Muslim must close at 19h ....) It was a measure of repression against the Algerian resistance in Paris, which was extended to all Arab. It was the beginning of a long tradition of the French police, namely that of ethnic profiling ...

"This demonstration against this discriminatory curfew brings together about 30,000 people, mostly labourers, many from suburban slums, including Nanterre, and travel to Paris for the first time in suits and holiday clothes. Women were many in this event, very committed to the fight against French colonialism, whether in France or in Algeria! We published a few months ago our tribute to Djamila Bouazza. We also organised the projection Moudjahidine, directed by Alexandra Dols in May 2012, film that traces the path of the Algerian fighters for independence. De Gaulle then gives the nod to Maurice Papon, the Paris prefect of police, to suppress this peaceful demonstration, which then ends in a bloodbath. 7,000 policemen were mobilised, which carry out 11,000 arrests. Detention camps are specially set up, where rounded up protesters were tortured. At least 200 protesters die, executed or drowned in the Seine ... only because they were peacefully protesting against the unfair and unequal treatment that was done to them!" (Source: Femmesenlutte93, SOS Racism and Mairie de Paris, Le Monde, euroalgerie.org) [http://www.lemonde.fr/politique/article/2012/10/18/hollande-reconnait-la-repression-du-17-octobre-1961\\_1777480\\_823448.html](http://www.lemonde.fr/politique/article/2012/10/18/hollande-reconnait-la-repression-du-17-octobre-1961_1777480_823448.html))-----

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