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WE DEMAND THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF RAMAN PRATASSEVITCH, LE DRIAN STATED

STATEMENT BY FRENCH FOREIGN AFFAIRS MIN

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USPA NEWS - Since the hijacking civilian flight of the company Ryanair on board which was the Belarusian journalist Raman Pratassevich, an opponent of the regime of Alexander Lukashenko, Sunday May 23, 2021, towards Minsk the Belarusian capital, the European leaders, currently in European council 24 -25 May, react to this violation of the European sky.
Indeed the plane flew from Athens, the capital of Greece to Vilnius the capital Lithuania, before being dethroned by Belarusian fighter planes, to stop the opponent Raman Pratassevich. The European Union decided on Monday evening May 24 to close its airspace to Belarusian aircraft, according to a council spokesperson. The French Minister of Foreign Affairs, Jean Yves le Drian, for his part declared "It is an act of state piracy which cannot go unpunished", insisted Clement Beaune (French Ass Deputy of European Affairs) about the hijacking of this flight which linked Athens (Greece) in Vilnius (Lithuania). These events "constitute a serious and illegal attack on the safety of international civil aviation, as well as on the security interests of Europeans", added Jean-Yves Le Drian, French Minister of Foreign affairs. We publish his official stat

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The hijacking Sunday to Minsk of a plane of the Ryanair company on board which was Raman Pratassevich, an opponent of the regime of Alexander Lukashenko arrested after the landing, continues to react. The EU decided on Monday evening May 24 to close its airspace to Belarusian aircraft, according to a council spokesperson. The 27 member states, meeting in summit in Brussels, also asked their airlines to avoid the overflight of Belarus and demanded "the immediate release" of the opponent Raman Pratassevich and his girlfriend, according to the conclusions of the summit put in line by the spokesperson.The company Ryanair, which is Irish, evokes an "act of air piracy" and condemns the "illegal actions" of the Belarusian authorities, while recalling that this matter is now in the hands "of the European security agencies and NATO" and specifies that it brings them its "full cooperation". in a press release on Monday.

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We publish his official statement after he talks with Mrs Svetlana Tikhanovskaia, opponent of Alexander Lukashenko, and "strongly condemns these actions". Source: France Tv, and French Ministry fo Foreign affairs
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« I spoke this evening with Mrs Svetlana TIKHANOVSKAIA, following the hijacking yesterday by the Belarusian authorities of a commercial flight of the company Ryanair and the arrest of Mr Roman PROTASSEVITCH and Mrs Sofia SAPEGA on their arrival in Minsk . France strongly condemns these actions. They constitute a serious and illegal attack on the security of international civil aviation, as well as on the security interests of Europeans with regard to the hijacking of a flight operated by a European company, operated between two capitals of the Union. European Union and mainly transporting nationals of Member States of the European Union. They are also another serious attack on the rights of the Belarusian people in the framework of the indiscriminate repression deployed by the regime.----------
In this context, I confirmed to Mrs TIKHANOVSKAIA the determination of the French authorities to act to allow a united and firm response from the Europeans, in accordance with their position since the start of the Belarusian crisis last August. This response must now involve strong additional sanctions against the Belarusian regime. The definition of these measures is the subject of discussions between the heads of state and government of the European Union within the framework of the European Council which began this evening. We demand the immediate release of Mr. PROTASSEVITCH and Ms. SAPEGA, as well as that of political prisoners arbitrarily arrested and detained in Belarus. » Jean Yves Le Drian French Foreign Minister of Affairs declared in an official statement on May 24.

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