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FRENCH PRESIDENT LAUNCHES CALL FOR MERCY FROM INDONESIA NOT TO EXECUTE ATLAOUI

CONDEMNED FRENCH IS SENTENCED TO DEATH

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USPA NEWS - At the press conference following the visit of Petro Poroshenko, France, April 22, President of Ukraine, at the Elysee Palace.

French President François Hollande appealed to mercy from Indonesia for the condemned man sake, Serge Atlaoui, whose execution was issued by the Indonesian Supreme Court.

PRESIDENT FRANCOIS HOLLANDE RESPONDS TO QUESTION ABOUT ATLAOUI AT PRESS CONFERENCE : "I say to our Ukrainian friends who are not necessarily aware when I speak of what happened, and the subject was raised by the press, the fate of one of our compatriots who is in Indonesia and who might be executed, as his already condemnation has been issued for death penalty".-----

"About Serge Atlaoui, let me make the transition, I stood there already several weeks with the Indonesian President, saying that France took part in a great movement that is the general abolition of the death penalty. We also have with Foreign Minister initiated all the steps. Not just for there to be used, but that may lead to grace that can be granted and that the sentence will not be executed . Even today, I'm launching an appeal for there is no such execution, which would be damaging to Indonesia, damaging to the relationships we have with Indonesia, damaging to the spirit which must be ours. Justice must remain to justice, but the death penalty should not be executed in any country of the world. " (Source www.elysee.fr)

-----DILPOMACY ACTIVE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES TO SAVE ATLAOUI'S LIFE-----

The Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius has meanwhile met with the Ambassador of Indonesia in Paris. Laurent Fabius said it "continues to hope for a gesture of clemency" and that "We are extremely concerned by the decision and the threat that if it were implemented, would obviously have consequences for relations between Indonesia and the France ".-----

Today, France has a special place and recognized in the major states involved in the fight against the death penalty.

Laurent Fabius, very attached to the symbolism of the abolition of the death penalty, has decided to extend this fight by mobilizing French diplomacy around the world to campaign for the abolition of the death penalty.-----

The call of the French President Hollande and the diplomatic efforts of Laurent Fabius, are hoping they will be heard and that the Indonesian justice shall express a clemency for Serge Atlaoui so that this country, looks like a paradise, is not a hell of an execution of death penalty. (Source: www.diplomacie.gouv.fr).

ABOLITION OF DEATH PENALTY IN FRANCE IN 1981 BY BADINTER LAW-----

French President meets the press, (See below) presented his intervention and efforts combined to those of Laurent Fabius, Minister of Foreign Affairs to save Serge Atlaoui of the death penalty. -----

Knowing that the death penalty was abolished in France in 1981. The abolition of the death penalty in France in 1981 devotes a long battle two centuries old, marked by numerous attempts since the Revolution. The vote of the Badinter law by Parliament on May 9th permanently deletes the guillotine. Source: www.ladocumentationfranvaise.fr

Indeed on 18 September 1981 by 363 votes against 117, the National Assembly adopted, following two days of debate, the bill abolishing the death penalty, on behalf of the Government, by Robert Badinter, Minister of Justice Minister of justice. Twelve days later, the text is passed in identical terms by the Senate by 160 votes against 126. (Source: www.assemblee-nationale.fr)

LARGE MOBILIZATION TO CANCEL THE EXECUTION OF SERGE ATLAOUI-----

"A rally Organized by "Together against the Death Penalty" on April 25 at 15h at Beaubourg (Facing the Centre Pompidou, Museum of Contemporary Art, Paris). The singer Anggun HAS: confirmed His participation in the emergency mobilization to save Serge Atlaoui, condamné to death in Indonesia. She Will attend the rally Organized by the abolitionist association, in partnership with 19 NGOs --other.

"The death penalty is in no way a solution to reduce crime or protect us from the evils that our society," says the singer in her letter to

the Indonesian president asking him to pardon Serge Atlaoui the French sentenced to death in Indonesia for drug trafficking.-----"After months of political and diplomatic engagement, we always keep the hope that international pressure will impact the Indonesian authorities. Today, we also receive support from Anggun that uses the values of humanism President Joko Widodo. We hope that the powerful voice of this great French-Indonesian artist will be heard," says Raphael Cheryl-Hazan, director of ECPM. (Collective Against Death Penalty).

BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT OF CONVICTION OF SERGE ATLAOUI-----

"The French condemned man, Serge Atlaoui, proclaiming his innocence from the beginning, said, "They want to kill me, we will fight, we will continue." Source M6 TV. "Serge Atlaoui was arrested in 2005 in a clandestine laboratory for the production of ecstasy. The Indonesian Supreme Court sentenced to death in 2007. Serge Atlaoui has always maintained his innocence.

April 1, 2015, at the preliminary hearing that examined the request for review of his trial - the ultimate recourse - the Court of Tangerang gave a favorable opinion to the Supreme Court, while accepting the new evidence presented by the defence. On April 21, the Supreme Court refused to review the case of Serge Atlaoui, arguing that there was no new evidence."

"The name of Serge Atlaoui is cited in a list of death row whose performances are planned soon."-----

"If Serge Atlaoui is executed, he would be the first French executed by death penalty for 38 years."

Source: EPCM: Together Against the Death Penalty

For more information, see :

Last February, ECPM launched its campaign "Together, Save Serge Atlaoui and other death row in Indonesia! "In partnership with: Action by Christians for the Abolition of Torture (ACAT France), Act Together for Human Rights (AEDH) Action for Human Rights (ADH), Amnesty International (AI), Collective Freeing Mumia Paris Bar Association, International Federation of Action by Christians for the Abolition of Torture (FIACAT), Federation of Associations Reflection-Action, Prison and Justice (FARAPEJ), International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), National Federation of Unions of Young Lawyers (FNUJA), League of Human Rights (LDH), Fight for Justice (YPA), Movement against Racism and for Friendship between Peoples (MRAP), Post for Tomorrow. Network Alert and Intervention for Human Rights (RAIDH), Save Innocents, International Association of Lawyers (UIA).

Source: EPCM: Together Against the Death Penalty

His lawyer: Richard Sédillot, French defense lawyer, and Raphael Chenuil-Hazan, director of ECPM.

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