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## INTIMATE FUNERAL OF THE FENCH ACTIVIST REMI FRAISSE

### DEATH, PROTESTING AGAINST THE DAM

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**USPA NEWS** - Remi Fraisse, the French eco protester was killed by police grenade against dam (Sivens in the Tarn). His funeral took place today, two weeks after his death. Since the death of Remi Fraisse, many protests and clashes have intensified at the site and in many other cities of France.

Today held the funeral of Rémi Fraisse, who died of a grenade attack launched by a policeman on the night of 25-26 October, while the young man of 21 years, opposed the dam project Sivens in the Tarn (South western France). In Rennes, today the University was closed aiming demonstrations in honor Rémi Fraisse.

The interior minister Bernard Cazeneuve condemned "The violence firmly" "Systematically Denature the events outbursts of violence is damaging the Republic. Dignity and responsibility should inspire all those who are committed to the rule of law. Once again, a demonstration degenerated due to individuals whose only motivation aggression forces and the deterioration of public space."

Students meanwhile believe that this decision is "an attack against democracy" by refusing them to gather a general meeting devoted to the death of young environmentalist Rémi Fraisse on campus today day of his funeral. In fact, last saturday, nearly 200 people, mostly hooded, marched through the neighborhood Villejean near universities west of Rennes behind a banner "Vengeance for all." Leaflets inciting action were distributed, "Block your colleges and universities! Are blocking cities, stations, occupy the street.

Protesters opposed to the Sivens dam project in the Tarn region say it will destroy a reservoir of biodiversity and will benefit only a small number of farmers. Those promoting the project say the dam is in the public interest as it will ensure irrigation and the development of high-value crops.

### WHY THIS DAM SIVENS ?

This dam project, located in Lisle-sur-Tarn, is designed to hold 1.5 million cubic meters of water through a dam built across a small stream, the Tescou. For conservationists, who seek outright abandonment of the project, this deduction would destroy 13 hectares of "wetlands" that house "a reservoir of biodiversity" with more than 94 protected species (frogs, dragonflies ...).

On the other side, the General Council of Tarn estimates this project by 8.4 million needed to irrigate farmland and says that another wetland will be recreated. Although the number of beneficiaries differs between opponents and the builder and forty farmers, according to an expert report could benefit. Work began last September to clear 34 hectares. This project has, through the action of the state of European structural funds and major grants from the Water Agency Adour-Garonne.

### THE OPPOSITION COMPOSED BY THE RIGHT WING, THE ULTRA LEFT AND THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS CALL TO ABANDONMENT OF DAM :

Jean-Luc Melenchon, leader of the extreme Left Party, and alter-globalisation activist Jose Bove, co-leader of the European Greens alongside Cecile Duflot a former Ecology Minister have called for stop of the controversial dam at Sivens in southwestern France after Remi's death. Noel Mamers (Green Ecology deputy) Said "We can not build a dam on the corpse (Rémi Fraisse) these weapons are military. Sivens is not Iraq "He added that the dam is" not legal because the experts are the same who built the dam, a mixed company called the management company of the slopes of Gascogne, who did the study and completed the dam ".

### CONSEQUENCES AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH OF REMI FRAISSE-----

Colonel Pierre Bouquin Deputy Head of Communications of the gendarmerie on the French channel ITV says "Yes those are grenades and yes they are now removed from policing since the Minister's decision. There are traces of TNT, the results of the investigation are expected. A grenade is never used accidentally by civil commandment or the troops in two situations of violence or is unable to secure

the area. "The prefect of the Tarn asked us to exercise the utmost firmness.

The investigation was conducted both within the police, the gendarmerie, but also from the side of justice, so that light be shed on the circumstances of the death of Rémi Fraisse. "Le Monde" today published revelations from the Minutes of Proceedings of the gendarmerie extracted from track conversations in Sivens (video support). The gendarmes at the time of the death of the activist: A military ordered "He's good he will get up, let's go. "Then the police, convinced that the youth is not so severely affected and will recover. "It's fine, he's gonna wake up." Fifteen minutes after the intervention of police "He died the guy, it 's serious, don't break the news about this".

Bernard Cazeneuve interior minister said his side "I have given instructions on the contrary."

#### EXECUTIVE DECISION AND INVESTIGATION-----

Minister of Ecology Ségolène Royal caused a round table there is a week (Either nine days after the death of Rémi Fraisse) to calm the situation and "Finding solutions", as stated by the head of the François Hollande who gave him the mission of mediation state. According to the minister, "There has been an error of judgment in the decision. She added: "Such an achievement would not be possible today." French local authorities have decided to suspend work on a controversial dam after the death of Remi Fraisse, the young activist protesting against the project. Cecile Duflot (Former minister of Ecology) asked for minute of silence at the chamber of deputies as a tribute for the activist who was protesting for "defending his ideas". The President of the National Assembly, Claude Bartolone then recalled that the minutes of silence were observed for the Assembly deaths "in our armed forces or our hostages." The minute of silence was denied pursuant to regulations of the National Assembly and Rémi Fraisse was meanwhile buried today according to the will of his family in the strictest privacy.

For more information see : [www.lemonde.fr](http://www.lemonde.fr)

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