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4TH SATURDAY OF YELLOW VESTS MOVEMENT UNDER HIGH TENSION IN PARIS & ELSEWHERE

1380 ARRESTED & 974 CUSTODY

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USPA NEWS - Nearly 126 000 « Yellow Vests » demonstrated in all parts of France on this 4th Saturday of December 8th, considered a BLACK SATURDAY in Paris and elsewhere : Nantes, Caen, Toulouse, Bordeaux, Lyon, Marseille. Means the movement is still strong and determined, with an impressive durability since three weeks. Interior Minister, Christophe Castaner announced that 1,385 people were arrested Saturday throughout France, and 974 placed in custody. In all, 125,000 yellow vests were mobilized throughout France. "As I speak, the situation is under control," said the Minister of the Interior. On the whole French territory, 118 wounded are to deplore, for 17 on the side of the forces of the order. According to Mayor of Paris Anne Hidalgo « Huge Damages have been worse than last Saturday December 1st ». In Paris, during the whole day and up to 11pm, where clashes continued between the vandals, few Yellow Vests and the Policemen. Paris looked like a post war, with a deserted, lifeless city, at once silent in some quarters and undeclared in others. No traffic, no taxi, no cars, no traffic, no metro, no bus and few pedestrians, outside the clash between police and yellow jackets and vests ...

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PARIS DESERTED AND STORES DESTROYED AND LOOTED AFTER CLASHES WITH THE POLICE-----

In Paris, since the beginning of demonstrations on Saturday, December 8, several vehicles were burned, stores were vandalized and looted. Street furniture has been badly damaged. In all, 10,000 demonstrators were identified in Paris. The latest assessment reports about sixty wounded in the capital, including three among the police.

Emmanuel Macron should speak Monday night. The head of state, whose popularity is in free fall according to the latest polls, would not risk taking the risk of further angering the yellow vests before the demonstration in Paris.

AT 8PM EDOUARD PHILIPPE PM, DECLARED ON TV : NO TAX CAN THREATEN THE NATIONAL UNITY

PM Edouard Philippe addresses the French on TV declared that: Vigilance and mobilization remain in place in Paris and some provincial towns. We must speak with caution: I want to salute the good preparation of the police. We had conceived an exceptional plan by the choice of a device focused on the permanent mobility of the police (...) The French nation must find itself. No tax can threaten national unity. Thank you and place to the dialogue ".

Few minutes before, Interior Minister Christophe Castaner announced that 1,385 people were arrested Saturday throughout France, and 974 placed in custody, following the demonstrations of yellow vests everywhere in France. In all, 125,000 demonstrators mobilized throughout France. "As I speak, the situation is under control," said the Minister of the Interior. It also reported 118 wounded among the demonstrators, against only 17 on the side of the police.

THE TOLL IS HEAVY WITH A SIXTY OF HOSPITALIZED WOUNDS IN PARIS, INCLUDING JOURNALISTS

Some 60 people were welcomed Saturday in Paris hospitals for injuries, mostly minor, during the day of mobilization of yellow vests, according to a count established at 17:00 by the AP-HP. "We do not have cases in absolute urgency. The majority are minor injuries, at

least in view of the number of people who quickly emerged from hospitals," said a spokesman for Assistance Public-Hospitals of Paris (AP-HP). Several journalists were mistreated or even injured during demonstrations of yellow jackets this Saturday in Paris, including several by shooting flashball type devices, according to testimonies published by their media or broadcast via social networks. Two Parisian photographers were hit by flashball shots. One of them was taken to the hospital. Many confreres complained that their protective equipment was confiscated by the police, exposing them to physical risks.

737 ARRESTATIONS IN PARIS ONLY HUNDREDS OF MINORS-----

The prefect of police in Paris said that 737 arrests took place in the capital, this Saturday, December 8, on the sidelines demonstrations of yellow vests. Dominique Rizet, a BFMTV news specialist, said the figure was a record in the history of Paris in one day. According to several witnesses, urban guerrilla scenes are happening right now in the Strasbourg-Saint-Denis district of Paris. Three fires are in progress on the roadway, and the windows of a Burger King broken. Fires are also held at Place Saint-Augustin.

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