

## French parliamentarians comment on their appearance in Azerbaijani "black list"

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French officials appeared in Azerbaijani "black list" are not surprised with such decision. "Armenpress" reports making a reference on French Le Journal du Dimanche that among 335 people included in Azerbaijani "black list" 22 are French and 10 of them French Parliament.

"It is like praise for me as it records the fact that I visited NagornoKarabakh. If there is a country like Azerbaijan than we should be able to die without seeing Baku," said French senator Phillip Marinio.

Another French parliamentarian, co-president of France-NagornoKarabakh friendship group François Roshbluan mentions that Azerbaijani pressure has never been so great. "In past nobody was interested in this country. Today situation has changed. Azerbaijan tries to show itself like a virgin but the image is different. It is a criminal country," he mentions.

It was not interesting also for Valerie Boyer the author of bill criminalizing the denial of Armenian genocide in France. In her opinion Azerbaijan receives dividends from its oil profits. "I do not believe that it is possible to buy everything with money but this work-style shows their weakness," mentions Boyer.

Azerbaijani foreign affairs ministry published on August 2 a "persona non-grata list" of people who had visited Nagorno-Karabakh Republic.

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335 people were included in it. In the above-mentioned absurd list are included 14 deputies of Russian Parliament, 5 reporters of German ZDF TV channel, president of Berlin academy, deputies of Iranian, Slovakian, Argentinean parliaments, famous Russian economist Victor Sheinis, Baroness Cox, President of military academy of Denmark, Russian political scientist Sergey Marcedonov, 14 deputies of French parliament, Italian singer Al Bano, 8 deputies of European Parliament, reporter of Washington Post in Moscow Will Englund, reporter of New York Times Anastasia Taylor Wint, Phillip Kirkorov's father – Bedros Kirkorov, famous opera singer Montserrat Caballe, deputy of Canadian Parliament.

The list also includes 6 American doctors, 7 British deputies, a Greek deputy, 3 deputies of Swiss Parliament, editor in chief of EU foreign policy magazine, former EU special representative in South Caucasus Peter Samnabi, 5 deputies of Uruguayan parliament, famous Swiss cosmonaut Claudi Nikolia, 6 Australian deputies, deputy of German Bundestag and other famous people.