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French National Developments/ Islamophobia

Adoption of Immigration law sparks crisis within ruling party

- Amidst tense parliamentary debates, the Immigration Law was finally adopted.

The first version presented by the presidential coalition and spearheaded by Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin was rejected by the National Assembly (Lower House of Parliament) - chiefly by the right-wing Les Republicains and the far-right.

- This political defeat substantially reduced Darmanin's hopes of becoming President in 2027, as its political legitimacy received a decisive blow. The final draft included the reforms Les Republicains and the National Rally requested. The adoption was made possible thanks to their decisive votes.
- Marine Le Pen labelled the Law as an "ideological victory" for her movement, as the text institutionalises "national preference" to access the Welfare State. For the first time in recent history, the far-right was able to leverage its institutional presence to achieve concrete political results.
- The adoption has initiated a political crisis amongst Macron's own party, as some Ministers resigned.

France welcomes two Palestinian children in bid to whitewash its support for Israel

- French Diplomacy announced it would welcome [two Palestinian children](#) from Gaza on French soil. They arrived on the 28th of December in Paris.
- The move is an attempt at proving France's seemingly neutral approach to the conflict, whitewashing its

unconditional support for Israel's genocidal campaign.

Latest "Systematic Obstruction" statistics quietly disclosed

- Four years ago, the French government initiated a secretive and draconian Islamophobic policy, swiftly dismantling the foundations of the Muslim community's autonomy through a calculated persecution.
- The 'Systematic Obstruction' policy - largely unknown outside the country, and scarcely understood inside it - amounts to a persecution of Muslims in France, in line with the international law definition of the term.
- The latest data was unveiled by Macron in a discreet address back in February 2023. Since the Marianne Funds scandal and the replacement of the CIPDR's head - the institution in charge of overseeing the policy - with a more low-key civil servant, the entire communication strategy of the State became even more cautious. Updated data wasn't publicised in any way as the State wants to avoid any serious public scrutiny.
- As of [October 2023](#):
 - 30 034 Muslim-led establishments were harassed by the State
 - 1082 establishments were closed down
 - 55,914,668 euros were seized