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## **PATRICK DEVEDJIAN 1st POLITICAL LEADER FRENCH ARMENIAN DIES FROM COVID-19**

**HE FELT BETTER 2 DAY AGO**

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**USPA NEWS** - On the night of March 28 to 29, the president of Hauts-de-Seine, Patrick Devedjian, French or Armenian, died at 75 years of age from the Covid-19 coronavirus. Patrick Devedjian is the first French political leader, former minister who died from the Coronavirus COVID-19, at 75 years ago, who had been infected recently . He had tweeted on March 26, feeling better and " I go up the slope" of the disease ... Three days later he died of breathing difficulties. Many politicians including the former President of the Republic, Nicolas Sarkozy have expressed emotional tributes to Patrick Devedjian, as a man of big character, passionate and very cultivated.

**PATRICK DEVEDJIAN COVID-19 INFECTED HOSPITALIZED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WEEK-----**

Hospitalized mid-week in the Hauts-de-Seine after having tested positive for Covid-19, Patrick Devedjian, 75, died on the night of Saturday March 28 to Sunday March 29. "I am touched by the epidemic, therefore able to testify to the exceptional work of all the nursing staff," he wrote two days ago on his Twitter account. Tired but stabilized thanks to them, I go back up the slope and send them a very big thank you. "

**MANY MOVED TESTIMONIES AND TRIBUTES HAVE MULTIPLIED FOR PATRICK DEVEDJIAN-----**

Gérard Larcher, President of the Senate immediately reacted on Twitter: "It is a great sadness to learn of the death of Patrick Devedjian. Courageous man and totally devoted to his city of Antony and the Hauts-de-Seine. Condolences to his family and his teams [🙏]. Tributes increased on Sunday, both on the right and on the left. Nicolas Sarkozy praised "a passionate, whole, sincere, committed man". In a statement published in the afternoon, the Elysée Palace said: "France loses a politician committed (...) to the service of its territory and the Nation". Patrick Devedjian who had been Minister of the Recovery Plan from 2008 to 2010 (Just after the financial crisis of 2008) under the mandate of the President of the Republic Nicoals Sarkozy, he chaired for thirteen years the departmental council of Hauts-de- Seine, after having carried out all the mandates: mayor of Antony (1983-2002), deputy LR of Hauts-de-Seine (1986-2017) and county councilor (2004-2007).-----

**PATRICK DEVEDJIAN CHILD OF ARMENIAN IMMIGRATION WAS FIRST LAWYER THEN POLITICIAN-----**

Patrick Devedjian, French of Armenian origin, was born on August 26, 1944 in Fontainebleau (Seine-et-Marne), son of an Armenian refugee who arrived in France in 1919, was married and father of four boys. After practicing as a lawyer, Patrick Devedejian became a Right-wing politician, and was also a minister under the chairmanships of Jacques Chirac and Nicolas Sarkozy. A lawyer by profession, former deputy for the 13th district of Hauts-de-Seine from 1986 to 2017, he was also spokesperson for the RPR from 1999 to 2001, and Secretary General of the UMP from 2007 to 2008.

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