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## **FRENCH PRESIDENT MACRON APPOINTED ELISABETH BORNE AS PRIME MINISTER**

### **SHE PASSES OVER JEAN CASTEX**

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**USPA NEWS** - Today, May 16, The President of the French Republic, Emmanuel Macron has just appointed a woman, Elisabeth Borne Prime Minister to replace Jean Castex who has been at Matignon since 2020. During the handover ceremony which took place at the beginning evening, in the gardens of Matignon under an intense sun, Jean Castex gave a moving speech of departure, and very benevolent towards his successor. He explained while he was very strongly applauded by his many collaborators, that he was going to leave politics for a time and "repaint his house in his small town of Prades". He did, however, subtly warn of the distress expressed by the French, and especially those among them, who suffer in silence, as they seek to abandon them: "One should take care never to forget the millions of fellow citizens of silent France who are the backbone of France and who do not necessarily express themselves on social networks or continuous news channels".

As for Elisabeth Borne, she warmly thanked the outgoing PM, gratifying him for his loyalty and his sense of republican duty, and recalled "During these 22 months, even if we have differences, I have enjoyed working with you and have the woman conviction o

### **ELISABETH BORNE IS THE 2ND FEMALE PRIME MINISTER FOR 30 YEARS**

It is a fresh page which turns to a new government under a "new presidential term" and a "new governance" wanted by President Macron, and which has been awaited for three weeks already, under a fairly sustained suspense, by rumors who were circulating. (Since the re-election of President Macron on April 24, 2022). Elisabeth Borne, who was Minister of Ecology under the Premiership of Edouard Philippe then Minister of Labor under the Premiership of Jean Castex, takes her place, at Matignon.

She is the second woman in France to have this position of head of government, since Edith Cresson who was the pioneer in this position thirty years later (May 15, 1991). She also declared It is not the country that is macho but its political class "(source Journal du Dimanche May 15, 2022) Jean Castex also took the opportunity to pay a strong tribute to "State and public service agents and officials" and more particularly to "public health" personnel with whom he associated private health employees who have fought against the Covid-19 pandemic. They "faced with absolutely exceptional courage and selflessness all the waves of the pandemic," he noted. A thought for the victims of terrorist attacks Jean Castex also greeted "the members of Parliament and in particular the parliamentary majority" "faithful and of great loyalty". The former tenant of Matignon also had a "special thought" for the victims of terrorist attacks like the one which cost the life of Professor Samuel Paty on October 16, 2020.

### **JEAN CASTEX VERY MOVED DELIVERD AN ADDRESS TO ELISABETH BORNE BEFOR HIS STAFF**

We faced together. I tried with the government and the whole of the public service to lead the boat with its exceptional circumstances with the objective woman, to explain, to appease, to reassure, to federate, to carry. he said by way of introduction.

I also owe these thanks to the government team of which Dear Elisabeth you were a part and to my cabinet which is an exceptional service! But you know them, and all public service agents."

He also thanked and praised the public service in France, during the recent crises the nation went through "For those who doubted it the farce showed that it had a tremendous public service" and in particular "Those in service public health have proven and who have shown self-sacrifice in the face of the stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. I tell them the infinite gratitude of the nation, and my government has tried to upgrade this public service through the Segur (Reform of Health sector) and I know that you, Elisabeth, are keen to continue this action..."

### **FORMER PM JEAN CASTEX RECALLED THE CRISIS OF UKRAINE & TERRORIST ATTACKS DURING HIS TERM**

"We had to face the war in Ukraine at the gates of Europe with its consequences even here in our country and I am sure that you will pay special attention to it. I also want to pay tribute to the victims of attacks while I was throwing at amatirons, I am thinking of Samuel Paty, Stephanie Monferemet, and the attack in the police station and the three victims at Notre Dame des Anges in Nice and this

policeman murdered in Avignon all that mark our nation and mark our determination and I know that you share it tirelessly against separatism and terrorism, I have given myself without restraint to this function and the flavors that our fellow citizens expect in the face of these decisions, and commitment, sincerity, common sense and proximity. »

**ELISABETH BORNE NEW PM THANKED & PRAISED HER PREDECESSOR JEAN CASTEX-----**

Elisabeth Borne, looked very kindly at Jean Castex her predecessor with high respect, as he used to be her boss, till now, while he was the Prime Minister for 2 years. She thanked him and praised him as a person and for his achievements "Thank you for your unfailing work and commitment these last and for your words and all the fights we fought together in the service of the French." I'm sure that many French people have a twinge in their hearts because you have crisscrossed our country tirelessly going to meet them and you know that you broke the travel records of a PM and that allowed us to appreciate you and your human qualities you all rat sincerity and your capacity for empathy live with our fellow citizens and two years ago, you recalled the challenges were intense and the health crisis still present in the country and we are told a crisis unprecedented economic and social. Today we can say that the results are there, with unemployment at its lowest for 15 years, companies have been protected and purchasing power remains to be preserved in the coming months. During these 22 months, even if we have differences, I have enjoyed working with you and have the same conviction of work and social dialogue with unions, associations and despite our attachment to equal opportunities and especially together for young people. through public action I am thinking of the international and ecological situation to act faster and stronger by involving more of the living forces of our territories I'm very moved tonight and I can't help but have a great thought of the first woman Prime Minister, Edith Cresson and games to send a message to little girls, it's about having dreams and nothing cannot stop them in their ascent. Mr PM I know that you are a rare person and you embody what is expected of a PM who serves his country and congratulations!" Elisabeth Borne concluded.

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