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## MAYOR OF FRENCH CITY OF BOURG-LÈS-VALENCE TO APPEAL COURT'S DECISION ON CANCELLING FRIENDSHIP DECLARATION SIGNED WITH [NAGORNO-KARABAKH'S] SHUSHI

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As is known, Shusha city is a territory of Azerbaijan that is under occupation of Armenia. In 2014, Mayor of Bourg-les-Valence Marlene Murie announced that a declaration of Friendship signed by her and so-called mayor of Shusha. Later, this declaration was brought to the court and the court ennulled the declaration. Despite it being ennulled by the court, Valence Marlene continues to irretionally defend the declaration.

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"The declaration of friendship with Shushi is legitimate and I will appeal the ruling of the Administrative Court," Mayor of Bourg-les-Valence, Marlene Moore, wrote this on her Facebook page.

Mayor of Bourg-les-Valence Marlene Murie has announced the intention to appeal the Administrative Court's decision to cancel the Declaration of Friendship signed by Shushi Mayor Artsvik Sargsyan in October 2014.

"I challenge the interpretation of the Administrative Court, which considered this Declaration unlawful. I am convinced that it is in line with the law and I declare that I will appeal the verdict, "said Marlene Muriee, pledging the commitment of President Emmanuel Macron to the February 5, 2018 dinner at the Coordinating Council of the Armenian Organizations of France that would not be prosecuted those programs that relate to education and humanitarian spheres, which are the most part of the declarations.

He also noted that apart from legal factors, his moral commitment to the Shushi people remains unshakable. "I have been to Shushi many times and have come to realize that people's expressions of humanity and friendship are in the hearts of a population that the hostile Azerbaijan is trying to breathe."

"The Frenchman and French speaker in Artsakh and Shushi, this decision is very badly perceived and not understood. The connections between Burlwaland and Shoushi people remain very strong, "said the mayor of the Bourg-les-Valence.

To remind, former NA deputy Vahe Hovhannisyan has warned that the cities of France will abolish the memoranda of friendship with the settlements of Artsakh.

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