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VANDALISM OF MOSQUE RAISES FEARS OVER FRANCE'S SECULAR PUSH

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Anti-Muslim graffiti sprayed all over a mosque at the weekend has raised concerns that extremist groups might try and weaponize government measures meant to curb Islamist radicalism.

Police in Rennes, western France, opened an investigation into degradations linked to a religious affiliation after the incident targeting the Avicenne cultural center. The graffiti included slogans such as No to Islamization and insults targeting the prophet Muhammad.

During a visit to the Paris Grand Mosque on Monday, junior government minister Marlène Schiappa said she strongly condemned the vile graffiti.

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