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## MACRON HITS OUT AT 'ABJECT' NETANYAHU CLAIM OF RISE IN ANTISEMITISM IN FRANCE

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*French president responds to Israeli PMs erroneous allegations in relation to decision to recognise state of Palestine*

Emmanuel Macron has hit out at Benjamin Netanyahu for his abject and erroneous remarks after Israels prime minister claimed that antisemitism had surged in France after the countrys decision to recognise a Palestinian state in September.

In a statement released late on Tuesday, the office of the French president pushed back against Netanyahus claim. The analysis suggesting that Frances decision to recognise the state of Palestine in September is behind the rise in antisemitic violence in France is erroneous, abject, and will not go unanswered, it said. The current period calls for seriousness and responsibility, not generalisation and manipulation.

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