

As Muslim Who Killed Jewish Woman Won't Be Tried, Macron Promises to Change Law on Criminal Responsibility

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The killer of Sarah Halimi will not be tried for murder. He'll spend a short time in a mental institution, treated for his cannabis use, that supposedly led to a "psychotic episode" during which he killed Halimi, and then be set free. This decision by the Cour de Cassation, France's highest court of appeals, to not bring Kobili Traoré, the Muslim murderer of Halimi, to trial because he had been under the influence of marijuana when he beat her nearly to death and then threw her out of the window of her Paris apartment, has provoked indignation and fury among French Jews and many non-Jews.

According to Traoré, he had been troubled by Ms. Halimi's mezuzah, which "amplified the frantic outburst of hate," according to one psychiatric report. But the Court noted in its ruling that under French law, "a person is not criminally responsible if suffering, at the time of the event, from psychic or neuropsychic disturbance that has eliminated all discernment or control" over the acts.

French President Macron was quick to express his own indignation, and his intention to have that law reformed. His response is reported on here: "French President Macron Seeks to Reassure Angry, Disappointed Jewish Community After Top Court Decides Against Trial of Accused Antisemitic Killer," by Ben Cohen, [Jihad Watch](#).