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## **FRENCH AMBASSADOR NICOLAS DELACOSTE EXPELLED FROM MINSK BELARUS**

### **FOR UNCLEAR REASON**

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**USPA NEWS** - The French ambassador is expelled from Belarus, without any reason being given by the Belarusian authorities of President Alexander Lukashenko. He has to leave to country by the 18 of October, spokeswoman said. According to local medias, the French ambassador Nicolas de Bouillane de Lacoste was expelled because he never met President Alexander Lukashenko and credentials, which was considered an arrogant attitude."The Belarusian foreign ministry demanded that the ambassador leave before October 18," the embassy spokeswoman told AFP. "Ambassador Nicolas de Lacoste left Belarus today," she added. "He said goodbye to the staff of the embassy and recorded a video message to the Belarusian people, which will appear tomorrow morning on the embassy's website." : Source AFP

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The French ambassador is expelled from Belarus, without any reason being given by the Belarusian authorities of Louvachenko. France, like other countries of the European Union, did not recognize the results of the presidential election last August, which granted a sixth term to the president and sparked massive demonstrations for several months and unprecedented in this former Soviet republic, an ally of Vladimir Putin's Russia. On the other hand, The European Union and the United States have imposed waves of sanctions on the Belarusian strongman's regime over a post-vote crackdown on dissent in Belarus after the country erupted in historic protests against his rule. And in August, Minsk revoked the consent for the appointment of the US ambassador -- career diplomat Julie Fisher, who in December had been confirmed as the first US envoy to the ex-Soviet country since 2008. Source: NDTV Minsk has cut ties with other Western envoys in recent months. In March, it expelled the entire staff of Latvia's embassy, including the ambassador, after Latvian authorities used a Belarusian opposition flag at an ice hockey championship. Source: NDTV, AFP

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