



France acknowledged for the first time it was responsible for systematic torture during the Algerian war of independence in the mid-1950s.

President [Emmanuel Macron](#) said on Thursday that Maurice Audin, a communist pro-independence activist who disappeared in 1957, "died under torture stemming from the system instigated while Algeria was part of France."

Macron, who paid a visit to Audin's widow on Thursday, was also set to announce "the opening of archives on the subject of disappeared civilians and soldiers, both French and Algerian."

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