

## Patrick Devedjian est mort , à lire dans Massis media , l'article en anglais



PARIS — Patrick Devedjian, a former cabinet minister and former president of the Parisian Haut-de-Seine administrative district has become one of the first high-profile politicians to die of COVID-19. He was 75 (born August 26, 1944).

He had announced on Twitter on Thursday morning that he had been diagnosed positive with Covid-19. He had been hospitalized.

“I am affected by the epidemic, therefore I am able to bear witness directly to the exceptional work of doctors and nurses,” he wrote on Twitter earlier in the week. “I’m sending them a big thank you for their constant help to all their patients.”

Devedjian had been placed for observation on Wednesday in a hospital in the south of the department but his condition did not need incubation.

A lawyer by profession, Patrick Devedjian was a deputy for the 13th district of Hauts-de-Seine from 1986 to 2017, mayor of Antony from 1983 to 2002 and elected departmental councilor in 2004. He has chaired the department since 2007.

A close adviser of former French president Nicolas Sarkozy since the 1990s, he was Minister under the Prime Minister in charge of the Implementation of the Recovery Plan, a special ministerial post created for two years after the global financial crisis of 2008, since December 2008.

Armenia's leaders immediately paid tribute to the late French-Armenian politician.

"It is with great sorrow that I learned of the demise of Patrick Devedjian. He was an exceptional personality, a politician of convictions and principles, faithful fighter for the Armenian cause, an essential figure in French-Armenian friendship," Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said in a Twitter post.

"This is a severe blow to the French Armenians, the Armenian people and France," Pashinyan added. 