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## FRENCH BERBER ICON IDIR FROM ALGERIAN GREAT KABYLIE DIED IN PARIS AT 70 YEARS

### A VAVA INOUVA SUNG IN 13 LANGUAGES

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**USPA NEWS** - IDIR, was the interpreter of the famous "In Vava Inouva, this marvelous tale of Kabylia, in Algeria, sung softly to children with his very characteristic voice of IDIR. IDIR died Saturday night in Paris at the age of 70, according to information transmitted by his family. He died of lung disease should be buried in the Paris region, according to relatives. Even Unesco pays homage to "an eminent ambassador of the Kabyle and Berber cultures".

### ZINEDINE ZIDANE ORIGINALLY FORM KABYLIE PAID A TRIBUTE TO IDIR THAT HE ADMIRERD

"You marked my childhood (...) I will never forget our meeting", writes on Instagram the French football legend Zinedine Zidane, originally from Kabylie "IDIR bewitch entire generations" said Francois Hollande, the former French President of the Republic. French, paid tribute to the Franco-Algerian singer IDIR: "A unique voice has died out. Idir sang his Kabyle roots with the melancholy of an exile and the brotherhood of peoples with the hopes of a humanist. The poetry of his songs will continue to resonate from one side of the Mediterranean to the other for a long time, "The French President, Emmanuel Macron, wrote on Twitter.-----

"We regret to announce the death of our father (to all), Idir, on Saturday May 2 at 9:30 pm Rest in peace dad"<sup>[1]</sup>, indicates a message published on the official Facebook page of the singer, based in France. The family, contacted by AFP, did not wish to speak. "I learned with immense sadness the news of the death"<sup>[2]</sup> of Idir, "an icon of Algerian art"<sup>[3]</sup>, greeted in a tweet the President of the Republic, Algerian Abdelmadjid Tebboune. "With its disappearance, Algeria loses one of its monuments." French singer Patrick Bruel, born in Algeria and who had done a duet with Idir, praised a "great voice".

### IDIR ALIAS HAMID CHERIET WAS A GREAT ICON FRENCH ALGERIE BERBERE DE KABYLIE-----

IDIR, whose real name is Hamid Cheriet, was born on October 25, 1949 in Aït Lahcene, near Tizi-Ouzou, capital of Grande-Kabylie. While he intended to be a geologist, a passage in 1973 on Radio Alger changes the course of his life. He replaced the singer Nouara at short notice, and his song in the Berber language "A Vava Inouva"<sup>[4]</sup>, which evokes evenings in Kabyle villages, went around the world without his knowledge while he was doing his military service. "I arrived at the right time, with the right songs", told AFP Idir in 2013, imbued with childhood songs that punctuated all the moments of everyday life. He joined Paris in 1975 to produce his first album, also entitled A Vava Inouva. He disappeared from the scene for ten years, from 1981 to 1991, but his career was then relaunched. Idiot, had an international career continued with the opening up to various musical horizons, across the festivals and gave many concerts worldwide. Source : AFP

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