

## 02-20-2016 Amiens, France –Hocine Rebiha – LEO PSD River Recovery – Heart Attack

**Major Rebiha Hocine** Aged 42, four man Noyon River brigade police dive team searching for the body of the third occupant of a car that fell into the Somme in the centre of Amiens late at night (driver - charged tested positive for alcohol and Cannabis, charged - and a woman escaped) diving near a lock gate, failed to surface, taken to hospital with cardiac arrest, died the following day.



**Rebiha Hocine**

### Amiens

Amiens is a city in northern France, divided by the Somme river. It's known for the Gothic Amiens Cathedral and nearby medieval belfry. Shops and cafes line the Quartier St.-Leu's narrow streets. Floating market gardens ("hortillonnages") dot the city's canals. The Musée de Picardie shows art and antiquities spanning centuries. Nearby, the Maison de Jules Verne is a museum where the science fiction author once lived.

### AMIENS - Survey of murky water after the accident

<http://www.courrier-picard.fr/archive/recup/region/amiens-enquete-en-eau-trouble-apres-l-accident-ia0b0n727116>

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The car dropped in the night from Wednesday to Thursday in Amiens cannot be found. The third passenger too. The other two were taken out of the water by local residents.

"The two who came out can go light a candle, I tell you," noted a firefighter watching the frogmen look for the missing car and perhaps the body of the third passenger. "For the moment, we are not sure that there is a third person on board, and if so, we do not know if she is underwater or if she was able to get out. Because the testimonies of the two victims recovered and witnesses are not concordant, confides the national police, which tried, Thursday, to throw light on the events of the night.

It was about 11:15 pm when a city car, a red Volkswagen Fox, struck for an indeterminate reason the barrier of the wharf of the Gateway (Saint-Maurice district in Amiens) before making the big dive. "I heard a big boom, I thought drunken customers had hit the wall," says Mehdi, the boss of Snack O'Dwich, next door. We had just closed, we were cleaning. A few minutes later, the boss heard screams in the street. "There was a screaming girl pointing to the other side of the shore at the gas station. She said: There is someone in the water, he must be helped."

Mehdi then sees a man in his twenties who clings to a footbridge along the bank. *"I took my car to go faster, a girl joined me, we went down the bridge and we went back. He was injured in the head and frozen. He did not want to let go. "*



**This Thursday, eight firefighter frogmen spent several hours searching the Somme, near the Esiee engineering school. - (Photo: Jeanne Demilly)**

### **Searches will resume this Friday**

At the same time, between the two locks, a little closer to the scene of the accident, an 18-year-old girl, hanging on a pole in the water, calls for help. Vincent Baudalet, a resident of rue Baillon, next door, comes to rescue her. *"I heard someone shout " Help, "I went out and there I saw this girl in the water, she was paralyzed.*

*Firefighters were not there yet so I hurried back to my home to pick up my climbing rope. I launched him. She hung up. So I handed the rope to a passer-by, climbed the gate and went down to the water. There was a lot of current, I could not dive. Finally, I managed to get her out. She was cold. Above all, she was very worried about her two friends. "*

Firefighters and police too. Soon, divers are looking for him. The first area, where the girl was fished, is inaccessible. Located between two locks, the current is too strong. Firefighters cannot go down there. *"It's a whirlwind, it's too dangerous,"* says the Fire Brigade Leader, Lieutenant Delmer. So they focus on the second part, after the locks. The car, and perhaps its passenger, could be dragged by the current.

In the night, but also yesterday afternoon, the divers have searched this portion of about 300 meters long and 50 wide. But after several hours in the icy water and under the snow, they came back empty-handed and the search was interrupted.

They will resume this Friday with a new equipment: sonar gendarmerie Noyon (Oise) which will probe the depths and probably bring new elements to the investigators.

## AMIENS - A diver in serious condition

<http://www.courrier-picard.fr/archive/recup/region/amiens-un-plongeur-dans-un-etat-grave-ia0b0n727636>

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**At this moment, the diver (in the foam) engages in the lock and disappears under water. He will be out five minutes later. - (Photo: Jeanne Demilly)**

A diver from the River Brigade of the Gendarmerie Noyon was between life and death this Friday, February 19 after diving to search for a corpse and a car in Amiens.

There dozens of passersby were massed around the basin, Friday 10 to 3 pm, when the tragedy happened. These onlookers who became "spectators" followed with attention the progression in the water of four divers of the Brigade fluvial gendarmerie Noyon (Oise).

The first two, aboard a zodiac equipped with a sonar, probed the depths in search of the missing car with one of his passengers on Wednesday night. A fruitful search since, a few moments later, the two gendarmes threw a weighted drum to mark the exact location of the vehicle. The two other divers then jumped into the water to

explore the carcass of the Volkswagen Fox. Their goal: to verify that it was the right vehicle and to try to find the body of the third passenger, a student in his twenties. But at first glance, he was not in the car. Assisting the firefighters of the GRIMP, the two gendarmes continued to explore the depths of the basin by heading towards the locks. One of them, a seasoned diver in his forties, engaged in one of them.

### **Brought back to the rope**

It is at this moment that the intervention switches. After several seconds under the water, the local emergency services are on alert. The policeman does not rise to the surface. The current is at its strongest at this point, and the policeman cannot be found. Thanks to the rope that connects him to the surface, his colleagues manage to bring him back to the edge. The soldier no longer breathes, he is in cardiorespiratory arrest. In the wake, the relief begins the cardiac massage. But the diver does not wake up. After several minutes, he is placed on a stretcher and transported to the hospital.

A few meters away, the police are trying to pull back onlookers who do not understand what has just happened. "That's it, they found it?" Asked a passerby, thinking that the body was back that was the deceased. And as the fire truck siren moves away with the policeman between life and death, other graded cars arrive at the scene. They must now understand what may have happened under water. Is it a stroke? A heart attack? Was there a hardware failure? Nobody, Friday at the end of the day, was able to answer. An investigation has been opened. It is conducted by the General Inspectorate of the National Gendarmerie. The soldier was admitted to the block as soon as he arrived at the Amiens University Hospital. His life was still prognostic at the exit.

### **AMIENS - The Policeman Did Not Survive**

<http://www.courrier-picard.fr/archive/recup/region/amiens-le-gendarme-plongeur-n-a-pas-survecu-ia0b0n728324>

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#### **Victim of a diving accident, Constable Hocine Rebiha died Saturday. He was trying to find the body of the passenger of a car that had fallen into the Somme.**

The news has had the effect of a bomb. Constable Hocine Rebiha died on Saturday, February 20th around noon.

Called reinforcement in Amiens, this experienced soldier, member of the fluvial brigade of Noyon, [had been reassembled out of the water Friday, February 19th](#) in cardiorespiratory arrest while he was looking in the Somme the body of the passenger of a [Volkswagen Fox crashed Wednesday, February 17](#) . The national gendarmerie announced the terrible news on his Twitter account.

At 42, Hocine Rebiha was not a novice. On the contrary, Constable and lifeguard, this seasoned man had received the bronze medal of honor for an act of courage

and dedication. With several of his colleagues, he had rescued in December 2011 about fifteen people threatened drowning in the channel of Saint Lucia. He was then a member of the nautical brigade of Fort-de-France in Martinique.

### **A Tribute To Come**

A vibrant tribute should be returned in the coming days, according to our information. It remains to be seen whether it will take place in Amiens or rather in Noyon where the soldier was based. In mourning, the military institution was barely recovering from the death in service of Major Laurent Pruvot, a member of Roye's motoring platoon, who was killed last August by a madman who had decimated an entire family.

An investigation conducted by the General Inspectorate of the National Gendarmerie, seized by the prosecutor's office, is underway to determine the causes of the death of Constable Rebiha who was seen rather smiling and relaxed as he was about to dive. in an arm of the Somme, at the place Vogel. Malaise, accident due to the dangerousness of the lock and its swirling currents or failure of equipment? At this point it is too early to say. Thanks to the rope that connected him to the surface, his colleagues managed to bring him back. Despite the cardiac massage provided by the relief, Hocine Rebiha remained inanimate before being taken to the University Hospital of Amiens-Picardie where he died the next day. An autopsy of his body will be conducted Monday, February 22.

Hocine Rebiha is the first dead policeman on duty in 2016. The last death of a policeman-diver dates back to 2011 in the EDF channel in Mées (Landes).

### **Passenger's Body Searches Have Resumed**

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Saturday, February 20, mid-afternoon, the research of the body of the passenger of the car, took again in front of the friends and the close relations of the young man, in front of the school of engineers. In the cold and in the pouring rain.

Professionally, the helpers did not let anything show through their sadness but the faces looked very serious. The level of the Somme was artificially lowered to facilitate searches that continued until late in the day.

Recall that in the night from Wednesday to Thursday, a car in which were three young men and women, aged between 18 and 22, had fallen into the Somme. The driver and a girl had been able to get out of the vehicle and go back to the surface, helped by local residents.

Unfortunately not the third person whose body was not found Saturday.

## Sum. A gendarme dies looking for a crashed motorist

<http://www.letelegramme.fr/france/somme-un-gendarme-meurt-en-recherchant-un-automobiliste-accidente-20-02-2016-10965044.php#1xtGPOxS02BdYzkb.99>

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***A gendarme diver, who was rescued Friday in cardiopulmonary arrest while looking in the Somme in Amiens the body of the passenger of a car accident Wednesday, died Saturday, announced the National Gendarmerie.***

In the night of Wednesday to Thursday, a car with on board three young people from 18 to 22 years had fallen in the Somme, in the center of Amiens. The driver and a girl managed to get out of the vehicle and get to the surface, but the third person was missing.

The driver was indicted on Saturday for manslaughter with the aggravating circumstances of being tested positive for alcohol and cannabis right after the accident, the public prosecutor's office in Amiens reported on Saturday.

### Drama During Searches

On Friday morning, during searches for the vehicle and the body of the missing person, near a lock, the police remained at the dock worried not to see reappear one of the four divers mobilized, that they eventually go back to cardio-respiratory arrest, told the floor. The gendarme died at the hospital Saturday noon.

"Long live emotion after the death in service of Constable Rebiha Hocine, 42, of the Noyon River Brigade," the National Gendarmerie wrote on its Twitter account on Saturday afternoon.

The prosecution has announced that it has appealed to the Inspectorate General of the National Gendarmerie to investigate the causes of the death - malaise, accident due to the dangerousness of the lock, equipment failure, etc. An autopsy will be performed on Monday.

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This is the first dead policeman on duty in 2016. In 2015, two gendarmes had perished in the exercise of their profession: one had been overturned by a vehicle in Meurthe-et-Moselle as part of an alert - kidnapping, the other had died in a shooting in August near an area of Travelers in Roye (Somme).

## Accident In Operation In The Somme, Constable Hocine Rebiha Died

<https://france3-regions.francetvinfo.fr/hauts-de-france/picardie/somme/amiens/accidente-operation-somme-gendarme-plongeur-hocine-rebiha-est-decede-932975.html>

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Hocine Rebiha, policeman of the fluvial brigade of Noyon, died Saturday, February 20 at the CHU of Amiens, at the age of 42 years. Friday, in search operation in the river Somme after an accident, he had to be rescued, resuscitated and hospitalized, for some unknown reason. Saturday noon, the public prosecutor of Amiens confirmed that Hocine Rebiha was still hospitalized in the hospital of Amiens, in critical condition. In the afternoon, the national gendarmerie announced the sad news on Twitter: the gendarme is dead.



**The national gendarmerie published this picture of Hocine Rebiha**

Aged 42, the gendarme took part in the diving operations carried out Friday in an arm of the Somme in Amiens. They aimed to find the body of the third alleged victim following the fall of a vehicle in the river Wednesday evening. Vehicle whose driver has been charged with manslaughter and unintentional injuries.

### **Investigation In Progress**

Friday morning , Hocine Rebiha was taken out of the water to receive a cardiac massage, before being transferred to the hospital. His vital prognosis was engaged.

What happened to the policeman of the river brigade of Noyon? The national gendarmerie confirms the comments made earlier by the prosecution: material problem, health problem, all the assumptions are open. An investigation is underway with hearing witnesses of the accident.

### **Hocine Rebiha, policeman-diver, dead while trying to recover the body of a motorist**

<https://www.islametinfo.fr/2016/02/20/hocine-rebiha-gendarme-plongeur/>  
02/20/2016

Hocine Rebiha, a policeman-diver, died this morning while trying to recover the body of a man drowned in a lock. The driver of the vehicle dropped into the water was tested positive for alcohol and drugs.

A vehicle driven by a delinquent off the road fell into the water at the Pont Neuf lock in Amiens on Wednesday night. The Noyon River Brigade intervened quickly on the scene to rescue two of the three people at the edge of the vehicle.

On Friday, Field Marshal Chief Hocine Rebiha



participated in the investigation of the accident site. The third person present in the vehicle had still not been found by the rescuers.

During the operation, the experienced diver was seriously injured. He was taken to hospital and died the next day (Saturday). "He was a brave man. He was between life and death yesterday ( *note: Friday* ) and left us today ( *Saturday* ) at the hospital ".

According to Hocine Rebiha's colleagues, the deceased had been decorated for rescuing about 15 shipwrecked men at sea.

## Hocine Rebiha (policeman-diver) dies after rescuing several people from drowning

<https://www.alnas.fr/actualite/communaute/article/hocine-rebiha-gendarme-plongeur?lang=fr>  
February 22, 2016



The national gendarmerie was bereaved Saturday after the death of the chief of police Hocine Rebiha. The policeman-diver has dedicated his life to saving drowning people, until the end he will have tried the impossible.

Friday, February 19, Hocine Rebiha came to assist three people whose vehicle fell into a lock Pont-Neuf Amiens. Supported by the Noyon River Brigade, he managed to extract two of the three people before diving back to retrieve the third individual.

Unfortunately during this last operation, the experienced diver was injured. Hospitalized urgently, he succumbed the next day following serious injuries.

" *He was a brave man. He was between life and death yesterday and we left today in the hospital,* "said his colleagues still shocked by his tragic death.

Hocine Rebiha had been decorated for saving some fifteen lives from drowning. This last rescue will have been fatal. The driver of the vehicle dropped into the water was under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

## Tribute for a dead gendarmerie diver on a mission

<https://www.lenouveaudetective.com/amien-hommage-internautes-gendarme-hocine-rebiha/>  
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Saturday, Hocine Rebiha, member of the fluvial brigade of Noyon, joined his colleagues on the banks of the Somme. His mission: to find a damaged car fallen in the river and especially the body of a disappeared passenger. In a stormy water, the gendarme then starts his search. But after several dives, Hocine does not rise to the surface. Worried, his colleagues try to pull him out of the water and uncover the inanimate soldier.

Several heart massages will not be enough. Hocine Rebiha is in cardiopulmonary arrest. Transferred to the University Hospital of Amiens-Picardie, he died the next day, Saturday. But what happened? Why this did experienced diving gendarme stop? Questions that remain pending for now. An investigation led by the General Inspectorate of the National Gendarmerie was opened.

### **A Man Already Rewarded For His Bravery**

Beyond the tragic tragedy, the National Gendarmerie wanted to pay tribute to an outstanding soldier. Described as a volunteer, Hocine Rebiha was indeed not cold. In the past, he had received during a mission in Martinique a medal of honor for an act of courage and dedication. At the time, Hocine had intervened with several of his colleagues to save fifteen people threatened with drowning.

### **Support Messages**

Since the announcement of his death, Internet users are mobilizing on social networks to greet one last time the memory of the policeman. Anonymous but also some personalities like Bernard Cazeneuve , Minister of the Interior, who shares "his *strong emotion*" . And recalls that "every day gendarmes, policemen and firefighters put their lives in danger to protect that of others".

Detective team with these messages.

Finally, note that the body of the missing passenger has not yet been found.

### **Funeral tribute to Major Gendarmerie Hocine Rebiha**

<https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Archives/Archives-des-actualites/2016-Actualites/Hommage-au-gendarme-Hocine-Rebiha>

February 24, 2016

*(Only the statement is authentic)*



**02/22/16 Amiens. Hocine Rebiha, a 42 year old diving policeman, died last Saturday of a cardio respiratory arrest during a mission in the Somme.**

Ministers,  
Préfet,  
Ladies and Gentlemen parliamentarians,  
Mayor,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,  
the Director General of the National Gendarmerie, General,  
Colonels,  
Departmental Director of Public Security,  
Ladies and Gentlemen Heads of state services,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Dear Yamina and Maâmar REBIHA,  
Dear Emmanuelle DEQUIDT,  
Dear Camellia, Hanane, Hafida and Hassan,

A little more than a week ago, throughout France, the National Gendarmerie was remembering the fallen gendarmes during the year 2015 while performing their duty in the service of France and the French.

I was myself at the Invalides to pay a solemn tribute to these women and men of exceptional courage, who sacrificed their lives in the name of the Republic. As everyone knows, this moving ceremony took place on February 16th. Four days later, we learned the terrible news: a new gendarme had just lost his life on mission under tragic circumstances.

This gendarme was Major Hocine REBIHA.

Today, at this moment when the Nation honors the memory of one of its fallen children, know that all my thoughts are for his family, for his family and friends, for his comrades, for all those those around him with their respect and affection.

I think of you, dear Emmanuelle, who is losing your companion, met far away from here, on the other side of the ocean, on the island of Martinique where Hocine had served for four years.

I think of you, dear Yamina and Maâmar, who have just lost a son, and I dare not imagine the pain that is yours, because no parent should have to bury his child. I think of you, Camellia, Hanane, Hafida and Hassan, you who have lost a beloved brother.



**Speech by Mr. Bernard Cazeneuve, Minister of the Interior in Amiens on February 24, 2016 on the occasion of the funeral tribute to Major Gendarmerie Hocine Rebiha**

And then, I turn to his friends, to his comrades of the river brigade of Noyon and the gendarmerie group of the Oise, to all those who, for one reason or another, have one day had the chance to cross his path. To all, I mean this: in spite of the mourning and pain of absence, be happy to have had the privilege of knowing Hocine or meeting him.

He will continue to live in the heart of each of you. For such is the comfort we receive from those we have had love and friendship and who, even after having left us, remain for us forever.

My presence here this morning is a testament to my deep compassion and support in this terrible ordeal.

But it also reflects the mourning of an entire institution. Because, every time a policeman or a police officer falls on a mission, it is the whole of the police forces that are tested. Whenever a gendarme or a policeman disappears while carrying out his noble duty, it is the whole of the Ministry of the Interior who is in mourning.

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On September 1st, we were already on the same place to pay tribute to Major Laurent PRUVOST, killed while courageously trying to neutralize a madman who had just decimated a family, August 25, 2015, in Roye.

Nearly six months later, we are again united by a similar sorrow.

Events follow one another with their tragedies, and it's always the same emotion. The "Funeral March" of Chopin as the coffin moves away. The tears that we hold or that, on the contrary, we let flow. A great family mourning, as every time one of his family disappears. Words that try to justify such a drama and soothe sorrow a little.

Like so many others before him, Hocine REBIHA died because he believed in the need to uphold the laws of the Republic and to protect our fellow citizens against all violence likely to reach them.

Major REBIHA died because, to the end, despite the risks involved, he intended to perform his duty as a policeman. Quite simply, because that was his mission, and that was the life he had chosen to lead.

Major Hocine REBIHA died while taking part in a judicial investigation alongside Amiens police officers to find a young student who had disappeared a few days earlier, in the middle of the night, the car in which he was with two friends who had left the road before diving into the Somme.

Asked by the police officers in charge of the investigation because of his great technical skills, Major REBIHA lost his life by diving to find the body of the deceased. He was hit by a whirlpool of water near a lock, but unfortunately he did

not survive his serious injuries, and despite the care he provided, he left us the following day at the Amiens hospital where he had been transported.

His tragic death reminds us of the price of the sacrifices that the men and women who belong to the security forces, in the name of the common good, consent to the seriousness of the risks they take to accomplish their missions. Everyone must understand that the general interest is not a vain notion since in his name, women and men are ready to risk their lives.

The death of Major REBIHA also reminds us of the great virtues of courage and self-sacrifice that must be worn in oneself to meet such demands.

Those qualities, Hocine had pinned them to the body and the heart. And that is why, until the end, until his disappearance, he was an exceptional professional. As a great gendarme he lived, and he also left us as a great gendarme.

Always, he showed an exemplary commitment and dedication to the service of France and the French, all his brilliant career attests, from the moment he made the choice, in 2002, to enter the National Gendarmerie .

During the first four years with the mobile gendarmerie squadron at Roanne, he took part in a number of operations, some of them particularly delicate, including law enforcement missions overseas, in New York. Caledonia, as well as missions abroad, in Algeria, in the custody of French diplomatic offices.

Passionate since childhood by water sports, Major REBIHA was very early to serve as a specialized diver within the Gendarmerie. After having passed the necessary qualifications, it is thus quite naturally that he joined, in 2007, the Evian-les-Bains nautical brigade, in Haute-Savoie, then that of Aix-les-Bains, in Savoie.

Tenacious, hard-working, not shy away from obstacles, determined to always go further in excellence, he became, three years later, officially underwater investigator, which allowed him to participate in technical and scientific police missions. in diving.

This is how Hocine REBIHA managed to put his passion at the service of his country.

In 2011, he joined the nautical brigade of Fort-de-France, then that of Marin, in Martinique.

A man of great bravery, he distinguished himself many times throughout his career, too early interrupted. Thus, on December 22, 2011, off Saint Lucia and while the sea was particularly disassembled, he saved the lives of fifteen refugees as best they could on a catamaran in distress. For nearly five hours, reaching the limits of physical resistance, he remained in the water, on the brink of exhaustion. Without ever failing, never failing, he remained with the shipwrecked to help them to break

up. In a last effort, after staying two more hours with the last victim, he helped the latter to get on a rescue boat.

For this act of extraordinary heroism, absolute selflessness and generosity, he was named to the Order of the Division and received the gold medal from National Defense.

Yes, Hocine REBIHA was a real hero.

After four years there in the West Indies, he had just returned to the city and was assigned to the Noyon River Brigade. Affected last August, he was quickly integrated into his new unit. All his comrades praised his calm, his great kindness, his availability to others, his sense of camaraderie and his pragmatism foolproof.

I know how much he was appreciated and respected by both his comrades and his superiors. A particularly talented, experienced and rigorous investigator-diver, Major REBIHA was, in a few months, a true pillar of the brigade. His disappearance is a great loss for your unit. As it constitutes an irretrievable loss for each and every one of you here present.

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The gendarmes and the policemen watch over our lives, they watch over the life of the French. As such, they are the honor of the Republic.

Major Hocine REBIHA was one of those men to whom the Republic owes eternal respect for the greatness of the sacrifices they make every day for us - and first of all for a peaceful life, and too often, unfortunately, that of life in short. Because courage is their job.

That's why, in tribute to his exceptional career, he will be decorated in a moment of the Military Medal.

Let us never forget those women and men who have fallen so that our laws, our values and our freedoms do not remain a dead letter.

Major Hocine REBIHA was a son of France, and he died for her.

Never forget it.

## **Military honors returned to Major Hocine Rebiha**

<http://www.profession-gendarme.com/honneurs-militaires-rendus-au-major-hocine-rebiha/>

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On the parade ground of the Garin barracks in Amiens, the Minister of the Interior paid tribute to Major Rebiha in the presence of General Denis Favier, General Director of the National Gendarmerie.

Greeting the memory of this " exceptional professional (...) who lived and left us in great gendarme ", Bernard Cazeneuve stressed that Major Rebiha was " one of those men to whom the Republic owes an eternal respect for the greatness of the sacrifices they make each day for us, that of a peaceful life, and too often, unfortunately, that of life in short. Because courage is their job. "

Promoted posthumously to the rank of Major, he was awarded the Military Medal by the Minister of the Interior.

Major Rebiha was also named to the Gendarmerie with the award of the National Defense Gold Medal with bronze medal.

Source: [National Gendarmerie](#)

## Tribute to the policeman swept away by a whirlwind

<http://www.leparisien.fr/espace-premium/oise-60/hommage-au-gendarme-emporte-par-un-tourbillon-25-02-2016-5574905.php>

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### A Vibrant Tribute And Clarifications.

Yesterday morning, Major Hocine Rebiha's memory was honored at the gendarmerie barracks in Amiens (Somme).

Underwater investigator at the river brigade of Noyon, the 42-year-old man died Saturday, after an accident, the day before, during an intervention in the old capital of Picardy. This moment of meditation was also an opportunity to learn more about the circumstances of the tragedy.

During a hearty speech, in front of more than 300 soldiers and an emotional family, the Minister of the Interior, Bernard Cazeneuve, mentioned a major "dead because, to the end, despite the risks involved, he heard to fulfill his duty of policeman ".

Hocine Rebiha was taking part in a judicial investigation alongside Amiens police officers to find a student who had disappeared on Wednesday, in the middle of the night.

The car of the young man spotted in the river, so it was necessary to dive there. Except that the portion of water, located between a lock and a dam, is



**On Wednesday, February 24, military honors were given to Major Hocine Rebiha of the Noyon River Brigade (60), who died in service on February 20 during a vehicle search operation in the Somme.**



**Amiens (Somme) yesterday. The Minister of the Interior Bernard Cazeneuve greeted the one who "died because to the end despite the risks involved he intended to perform his duty as a policeman." (LP / IB & DR.)**

subject to strong whirlpools. It was in one of them that Hocine Rebiha was swept away, losing his regulator, as the first elements of the investigation suggested. Once out of the water, nothing could be done to rescue him.

"Hocine Rebiha was a true hero," continued Bernard Cazeneuve. On December 22, 2011, off St. Lucia, while the sea was dismounted, the military had saved the lives of fifteen refugees on a catamaran in distress. He was named to the order of the Division and received the gold medal from National Defense. The native of Saint-Nazaire (Loire-Atlantique) comes from be posthumously awarded the National Defense Medal and Gold Medal with Palm. He will be buried in Algeria.

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**Constable Rebiha Hocine, 42, of the Noyon River Brigade died during an intervention.**

**Photo: Twitter National Gendarmerie.**

The prosecution has announced that it has appealed to the Inspectorate General of the National Gendarmerie to investigate the causes of the death - malaise, accident due to the dangerousness of the lock, equipment failure, etc. An autopsy will be performed on Monday.

In a statement, Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve expressed "his strong emotion" after the death and said that "every day, gendarmes, police and firefighters" exposed their lives "to protect that of others, "and as such, they" deserve our respect and deep gratitude ".

This is the first dead policeman on duty in 2016. In 2015, two gendarmes had perished in the exercise of their profession: one had been overturned by a vehicle in Meurthe-et-Moselle as part of an alert - kidnapping, the other had died in a shooting in August near an area of Travelers in Roye (Somme). © Le Télégramme

## AMIENS The body of the missing passenger found in the Somme

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The body of the passenger of the car that fell in the Somme a few weeks ago was found Sunday, March 13 in the late afternoon. It is a local resident who gave the alert.

At around 11 pm, a car with three passengers falls in the Somme, Quai de la Passerelle, in Amiens. Two people are rescued. Not Marc-Hervé Gnacadja.

## Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

Hocine Rebiha, policeman-diver of the fluvial brigade of Noyon, is caught in a whirlwind during research conducted to find the body of the deceased. He dies the next day at the hospital.

## Thursday, February 25

, the car dropped into the water went up.

## Sunday, March 13

, a body, probably that of Mar-Hervé, is found in an arm of the Somme in Sainte-Aragone Island.

Same jacket, same shoes, same pants. There is little doubt that the body found Sunday, March 13 around 17:15 is that of Marc-Hervé Gnacadja, a young student who died in a tragic car accident a few weeks ago.

A terrible news for his family and loved ones who will, *"at least, really begin their work of mourning,"* commented on site, several residents. They are 14 to reside in this piece of land a little lost in the middle of Amiens. The body was spotted around 5:15 pm by a girl whose brother has a garden. *"She was going home, that's when she saw something,"* says Thomas Groix, one of the area's residents. *"She was not sure what she was seeing, so I and other neighbors went to check. We saw two shoes with white soles protruding from the water ... This is where she warned the firefighters ."*

## An autopsy will be performed

Firefighters took a few minutes to arrive at the site. The left hand of the body was lifted by a diver dispatched to the scene. *"The skin was black and swollen, it was that of an African,"* continues Thomas Groix. Another local resident indicates that the body was not there yesterday. *"I spend here every day, we have not seen it,"* she said, categorically. *"You know, this is not the first time we have seen this type of drama. Two years ago, a man committed suicide and was found not far away. For Mr. Groix, the body may have been trapped by a fallen tree a little further up the lock: "The bad weather of these last days and the fact that they dredge the canal behind have undoubtedly made detach the body. Constantly opening and closing the locks creates quite a lot of current, so it may have resurfaced. "*

Nearly four hours passed before the body was raised. It was necessary to tie Marc-Hervé's legs to a tree to prevent it from drifting. As a symbol, around 21:30, two divers of the gendarmerie who have brought the body of the young student on the bank, taking all necessary precautions. No doubt the frogmen had an emotional thought for their colleague Hocine Rebiha who died during the research.

An autopsy of Marc-Hervé will be carried out shortly for the needs of the investigation. We know that the driver of the Fox Volkswagen fell into the water was driving under the influence of alcohol and narcotics. **BAKHTI ZOUAD**

## The drowning surveys of Saint-Maurice in Amiens are completed

<http://www.courrier-picard.fr/11378/article/2017-02-16/les-enquetes-sur-les-noyades-de-saint-maurice-amiens-sont-bouclees>

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**The person responsible for the accident that caused the death of Marc-Hervé Gnacadja must be tried soon. The investigation into the death of the gendarme who was searching for his body was dismissed.**



**On the gates surrounding the dam, there remains only a rose, the only reminder of the tragedies that have been played here: the drownings of Constable Hocine Rebiha who was looking for the body of Marc Hervé Gnacadja**

### FACTS

**Wednesday, February 17, 2016**

, around 23 hours, a car with three passengers falls in the Somme, quay Gateway in Amiens. Two occupants of the vehicle are rescued. The third passenger, Marc-Hervé Gnacadja does not go back.

**Friday, February 19, 2016** : Constable Hocine Rebiha drowns while searching for his body.

**Sunday, March 13, 2016:** the body of Marc-Hervé Gnacadja is finally found on the island of Sainte-Aragone.

**In the weeks following** the death of Hocine Rebiha, the investigation concludes with an accidental death. The policeman was caught in a whirlwind. The file is closed.

**February 2017** , the instruction on the death of Marc-Hervé Gnacadja is over.

There remains only one. A single rose all withered and blackened by the four seasons that have just passed. 365 days during which the dozens of other flowers that had been left there by the onlookers made the camp. However, no one has forgotten what happened here, on the platform of the Gateway, next to the Vogel Square, a year ago. Especially not Mehdi, the boss of the snack O'Dwich, next door.

That night, he heard a big boom. *"I thought a customer was typing at the window. It was really the noise made by a car that had just hit the barrier and dropped into the water. Three passengers were on board. "Then I heard screams. And especially those of a young woman who had spotted a man in the water. Then I went around the pool. I first saw a woman who was in the water hooked to a stake. But there were already other people taking care of her. Me, I had to go further (after the dam). A man was hanging on a pontoon. With the girl who called me, we shot her but it was not easy. It was very slippery and the man was exhausted. He dragged us to the water. "*

Finally, Mehdi managed to get this young man, who was the driver of the vehicle. *"He never came to thank me elsewhere, "* says the boss.

As for the third passenger, Marc-Hervé Gnacadja, he never surfaced that night.

The following days, firefighters and gendarmes have in turn searched the depths to try to find his body. One of them, Hocine Rebiha, a seasoned diving policeman from Noyon (Oise), even lost his life during one of these expeditions (our box).

### **Nobody Forgot**

The body of Marc-Hervé Gnacadja will finally be found a month later, on March 13, near Sainte-Aragone Island.

The accident, the search, the death of the gendarme, the discovery of the body ... this incident has strongly marked the Amiens. Nobody has forgotten: neither the relatives of the victims obviously, nor even the people of the neighborhood. Justice has not forgotten. Because as a result of these events, two investigations were opened. One on the accident that led to the drowning of Marc-Hervé Gnacadja, the other on the death of Constable Hocine Rebiha. If the second was closed (our box), the first one was completed.

### **The Driver Under Judicial Review Pending Trial**

And since a few days, the investigation of this affair is finished. *" The file is currently in regulation , says Anne-Laure Sandretto, Deputy Prosecutor of the Republic. He is on my desk. A summary will be made and we will then decide whether or not it will be referred to the Criminal Court. This will probably be the case. "*

The driver of the car, an Amiénois now 22 years old, should then appear for manslaughter and unintentional injuries on the passenger. All with two aggravating circumstances: the consumption of alcohol but also narcotics.

Pending the trial, which could take place within three months, the young man is placed under judicial control.

## Car In The Somme In Amiens: The Driver Indicted For Manslaughter

<https://france3-regions.francetvinfo.fr/hauts-de-france/picardie/somme/amiens/voiture-somme-amiens-conducteur-mis-examen-homicide-involontaire-932895.html>

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**A view of the Somme in Amiens. / © France 3**

The driver of the vehicle that fell in the Somme Amiens, on the night of Wednesday to Thursday, was indicted for manslaughter Saturday, February 20. The searches of the main victim are interrupted.

After an hour in front of the investigating judge and a passage before the judge of freedoms, the driver of the vehicle fell into the Somme Wednesday night in Amiens was indicted and placed in custody at the prison of Beauvais.

The indictment is twofold: for manslaughter, with two aggravating circumstances (alcohol and narcotics); and for involuntary injury with inability to work for less than three months, again with both aggravating circumstances.

This 21-year-old man had 1.8 grams of blood alcohol and narcotics when he drove the car that fell into the Somme. Two passengers were inside: a 19-year-old woman, found with the driver, both in a state of hypothermia; and a 22-year-old man who was not found, hence the characterization of manslaughter.

The gendarme, still in critical condition

**Friday, February 19**, the third victim's search was stopped following an accident . One of the divers of the Gendarmerie of Noyon had to receive a cardiac massage before being hospitalized. His vital prognosis was engaged.

**Saturday Noon**, he was still in critical condition.

**Update: Saturday afternoon**, the National Gendarmerie announces that he died .

The 3rd victim's searches interrupted

An investigation is conducted by the general inspectorate of the gendarmerie to determine what happened. Has there been a hardware failure? Did Constable Noyon, a 41-year-old man, have any health problems? All tracks are open. The hearings of the witnesses are not completed. The material will be appraised.

Concerning the third victim, since an instruction is now open, it will be up to the examining magistrate to restart, if he wishes, the searches; or the prosecutor's office, in accordance with certain procedures.

## A Car Ends Up In The Somme: 20 Months Of Prison For The Driver

<https://france3-regions.francetvinfo.fr/hauts-de-france/somme/amiens/voiture-finit-somme-20-mois-prison-conducteur-1362919.html>

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**This accident caused (directly and indirectly) the death of two people. The driver was tried because at the time he was under the influence of alcohol and drugs.**

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Constable Hocine Rebiha, 42, from the Noyon fluvial brigade, has a heart attack. He came out of the water by his colleagues who fail to revive him. A month later, the body that the gendarmes were looking for was recovered in the Somme.



### **BETWEEN EMOTION AND ANGER**

At the time, the case provoked a strong emotion in the public opinion. First of all because it is extremely rare that a gendarme dies while carrying out his duties ... But also because the investigation will show that the driver was under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

At that time, the 21-year-old is being examined for manslaughter and for unintentional injury with inability to work for less than three months. Today, when he had already been sentenced for narcotics, the driver was given 20 months suspended sentence and 4 months with an electronic bracelet