
ALGERIA PASSES LAW DECLARING FRENCH COLONISATION A CRIME

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Algerias parliament has unanimously approved a law declaring Frances colonisation of the country a crime and demanded an apology and reparations.

Lawmakers, standing in the chamber wearing scarves in the colours of the national flag, chanted long live Algeria on Wednesday as they applauded the passage of the bill, which states that France holds legal responsibility for its colonial past in Algeria and the tragedies it caused.

The two countries are embroiled in a major diplomatic crisis and analysts say that while Algerias move is largely symbolic, it is still politically significant.

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