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**FRANCE INVITES CHAD PRESIDENT IN BID TO EASE TROUBLED RELATIONS**

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French President Emmanuel Macron has invited his Chadian counterpart to Paris, as both countries seek to renew and improve future relations.

The verbal invitation was delivered to President Mahamat Déby by France's Ambassador to Chad, Éric Gérard, during a meeting at the presidential palace in the capital, N'Djamena, on Monday.

In a statement, Chad's Presidency said Déby accepted the invitation, although it made no mention of when the visit will take place.

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