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PARIS (Reuters) - France said on Wednesday an elderly French woman kidnapped earlier this month in Kenya had died.

"The contacts with whom we were working with to secure the release of Marie Dedieu have told us of her death," Foreign Ministry spokesman Bernard Valero said in a statement.

He added that they could not confirm the date or the circumstances of her death.

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