

## EPP EXPRESSES CONDOLENCES FOR IBRAHIM RUGOVA

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The European People's Party (EPP) expressed today the most sincere condolences to the family of **Ibrahim Rugova**, President of Kosovo, as well as to the people of Kosovo and the members of the LKD (Democratic League of Kosovo).

*"It is with great sadness I learned of the passing away of **Ibrahim Rugova**, whom I had the great privilege and pleasure meeting at various occasions",* EPP President, **Wilfried Martens**, stated in a telegram sent to the Democratic League of Kosovo and to the family and friends of President Ibrahim Rugova.

President Martens underlined Mr. Rugova *was the dedicated and inspiring father for a free Kosovo*.

The EPP considered the leadership of Mr. Rugova was decisive for the democratization and institutionalization of Kosovo, the UN-administered province of Serbia.

His death comes at a sensitive time for Kosovo, which is about to start negotiations on its final status.

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