

EPP SENDS CONDOLENCES TO HONOR FORMER CDU CHAIRMAN RAINER BARZEL

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✦ *With the death of **Rainer Barzel**, the CDU and our whole political family have lost a great personality,* ✦ said EPP President **Wilfried Martens**, paying tribute to Barzel who passed away on Saturday, aged 82 years.

✦ *I have always admired Rainer Barzel as a politician with high integrity who has served in a number of key functions: President of the German Bundestag, Chairman of the CDU and its Parliamentary Group, etc.,* ✦ said the EPP President.

✦ *He was a staunch supporter of German and European unification; a true heir of Adenauer's ideas. We will keep him alive in our memories ✦ our thoughts are also with his family,* ✦ Martens concluded.

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