

'Black Baron' grounded for Paris flights

An amateur pilot dubbed the "Black Baron" for illegal night-time flights over Paris was grounded by a French court yesterday.

Albert Maltret, 52, whose exploits infuriated the government and prompted a huge man-hunt, was fined 50,000 francs (£4,630) and banned from flying for three years for buzzing the Champs Elysees last month.

He escaped a three-month jail sentence, the maximum penalty for unauthorised flights over the capital. — Reuter

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