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FUNERAL PROCESSION WITH 700 BIKERS FOR LAST TRIBUTE TO ROCKSTAR JOHNNY HALLYDAY

FRENCH LEGEND DIED AT 74

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