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## 'Sarkozy has behavioural problem'

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LONDON: The ex-wife of President Nicolas Sarkozy has branded him a "stingy philanderer" with a "behavioural problem" who is an "unworthy president" of France.

"There is a ridiculous side to him. He is not dignified. He is an unworthy president of the Republic. He has a behavioural problem," the former First Lady is quoted as saying of her ex-husband in a book, *Cecilia*, written by journalist Anna Biton.

As the lyse palace soap opera descended to new depths of vitriol, Cecilia attacked the French President as "a man who likes no-one, not even his children".

Cecilia is also said to have attacked the president's 40-year-old fiancée, telling a friend: "Carla Bruni won't make him forget me in a hurry."

Although President Sarkozy is expected to marry super model Bruni, Cecilia is unconvinced that her ex-husband of eleven years has got over her.

She called the president's other female friends "a bunch of slappers" and women ministers "boring wallflowers". She also had harsh words for the Presidents aides and advisors, describing them as "young guys who found themselves puffed out with power and who took themselves for the princes of Paris".

The former French First Lady has launched legal action to stop publication of the book. She has instructed lawyers "to initiate all necessary actions for the protection of her rights in regard to statements attributed to her in extracts from the book", the Daily Telegraph of Britain reported today.

Sarkozy, 52, began dating Bruni, 40, just one month after his divorce from Cecilia and his election last May as French president.

The President's high-profile love affair with the supermodel has been disapproved by many in France, with his personal popularity plummeting.

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