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One person is still missing after torrential rain hit the Gard region in southern France. Violent thunderstorms and torrential rains hit the department yesterday, and a record rainfall was recorded according to Météo France. More than two months of rain fell in just 3 hours. As a result, roads have been flooded and there is extensive material damage. Visiting the Gard last night, the Minister of the Interior Gérald Darmanin indicated that a state of natural disaster will be declared next week for about 60 municipalities. The prefecture of the Gard announced that all schools in the department will be closed today.

There is still an orange weather warning for thunderstorms, floods and for the risk of flooding in the Gard this morning. There are also orange weather warnings this morning for Allier, Puy-de-Dôme, Cantal, Aveyron, Hérault, Drôme, and the Ardèche. New violent thunderstorms are expected during the day for the South of France.

In the rest of the news, the vaccine obligation against Covid comes into force today for health professionals. In short, if they want to continue working, they must have received at least one dose of the vaccine. 12% of them are still not vaccinated, which is around 300,000 people who will lose their jobs today.

Accused of moral harassment, Senator Esther Benbassa has been excluded from the ecological parliamentary group. An investigation by Mediapart revealed the testimonies of former collaborators of the senator, all evoking a climate of terror. Esther Benbassa has denounced this as "a sham" and considers this to violate the fundamental legal principle of the presumption of innocence.

And in the football, Lille started its Champions League campaign with a draw last night at home, 0-0 against the Germans of Wolfsburg. In the other matches of the evening, a 3-0 victory for Bayern Munich at FC Barcelona, and the success of the defending champion, Chelsea, who beat Zenith St-Petersburg 1-0. Tonight, Paris will play Bruges, with a 9pm kick-off.