



The News

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As the price of gas and electricity continues to soar, how can the government help? Jean Castex is expected to answer this question this evening on the 8pm news of TF1. The government had already announced a few days ago an exceptional 100-euro check for the poorest households.

This may be the end of a 35-year-old court case: A former gendarme admitted in a letter to being the author of several murders in the 80s and 90s. The 59-year-old soldier killed himself last night in an apartment near Montpellier just before being interrogated by the police. According to investigators, he may be the killer with the pockmarked face – a man who was never arrested, nor identified. DNA sampling is underway and the results will be known in a few hours.

Also in the new: Nicolas Sarkozy will appeal his sentence of one year in prison in the Bygmalion case. The former president was found guilty today of illegal financing of his 2012 presidential campaign. The 13 other defendants were also sentenced, in particular Jérôme Lavrilleux. The former assistant director of the campaign of Nicolas Sarkozy was sentenced to 3 years in prison including 2 years of actual prison time.

After a national tribute yesterday in Paris, a new ceremony was held this afternoon in memory of Maxime Blasco, the soldier killed last Friday in Mali. This ceremony took place in his hometown in Isère with his family and his brothers in arms of the 7th battalion of the Chasseurs Alpains.

Schoolchildren will get some fresh air in the 47 departments the least exposed to the coronavirus. As of Monday, they will be able to remove their masks in class. On the other hand, teachers and all school staff will have to keep theirs – at least for now.

And then soccer: Didier Deschamps did not select Olivier Giroud, nor did he select the goalkeeper Steve Mandanda for the next two matches of the French team in the Nations League next week.