



## The News

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It is one of the most important awards in the world. The Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to journalists Maria Ressa and Dmitry Muratov. They are recognized for their courageous fight for freedom of expression in their respective countries : the Philippines and Russia. They are the representatives of all journalists who defend freedom of expression in a world where democracy and freedom of the press are faced with increasingly unfavorable conditions. The awards were declared this morning in Oslo by the president of the Nobel committee.

There will be a last farewell to Bernard Tapie today as the funeral of the businessman has been held this morning in Marseille. The ceremony began at 11am in the Cathedrale La Major. The coffin of the former president of Olympique Marseille arrived to a round of applause. Several well-known personalities paid tribute to Mr Tapie such as the former minister Jean-Louis Borloo and the president of the PACA region, Renaud Muselier.

Centrale Supélec is in turmoil. The Evry prosecutor's office announces the opening of a preliminary investigation after a letter sent by the director of the prestigious engineering school to the public prosecutor. It reveals the catastrophic findings of an internal survey of students. About a hundred of them spoke of rape and sexual assault.

There is a new step in the deployment of the Covid-19 vaccination campaign. Non-affiliated nurses can now begin to vaccinate with the Pfizer jab. This is also the case for other categories of caregivers, such as pharmacists, dentists or midwives. And there is no reason why healthy adults should receive a booster, said Alain Fischer. The President of the Vaccine Strategy Steering Committee calls on older people as a priority to be injected with this 3rd dose, and to do so on the same day as the flu vaccine.

And finally in football news, the contenders for the Ballon d'Or will be known at the end of

the day. The male and female winners will then be revealed on November the 29th during a ceremony at the Théâtre du Chatelet.