



## The News

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Tributes have been organised in schools across France one year after the death of Samuel Paty. The history and geography teacher was murdered on October the 16th, 2020 in front of the school where he taught in Conflans Sainte Honorine. He had shown caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad to his students during a lesson on freedom of expression.

One year afterwards, the commune of Yvelines remains marked by the tragedy. Prime Minister Jean Castex and President Macron will welcome Samuel Paty's family tomorrow at the Elysée.

The moment of truth may have arrived for Cédric Jubilar who remains the number one suspect in the disappearance of his wife, Delphine. She was last seen in December in her home in the Tarn. Mr Jubilar will go to court today to answer questions and has so far categorically denied any involvement in his wife's disappearance. His lawyer intends to make another appeal for his release at the end of this hearing.

President Macron is heading back to Marseille this evening. The Head of State returns to the city for an update on the plans he instigated for France's second city which he announced in September. He will meet firefighters at a fire station tomorrow to mark the 127<sup>th</sup> National Congress of French Firefighters.

And finally, in the war against plastic, SNCF has announced that it will no longer sell drinks in plastic bottles on its trains. They will be replaced by cardboard and aluminium packaging in order to reduce plastic consumption and waste.