

## The News October 27<sup>th</sup> 7pm© by Noele Bouazouni-Prier



According to the latest opinion polls and the scientific council, public hospitals are on the verge of implosion. The situation has never seemed so critical: 20% of beds are currently closed in public hospitals in France. Mainly because of a lack of staff and caregivers who are at the end of their rope after 18 months of health crisis. The situation is even worse in some hospitals in Ile-de-France as explained by Professor Djilali Annane, head of the intensive care unit at the Raymond-Poincaré hospital in Garches.

Therefore the government requested that an investigation be opened to take stock of the situation inpublic hospitals. The results will be known in the coming days.

The job market was also hit hard by the health crisis, but there does seem to be an improvement with the unemployment figures of the 3rd quarter. The number of category A job seekers fell by 5,5%. Over the past year the drop is even more spectacular with a decrease of 10%, and a return to the pre-crisis rate.

It is still a mess at the Gare du Nord in Paris. Traffic was interrupted after the discovery of a suspicious package. The police are on site.

And there is some good news, however, if you have planned to take the train for the weekend of All Saints' Day. Unions have lifted the call for a strike for the TGV Atlantique.

And then soccer tonight with Nice facing Marseille. The teams are replaying this match after the incidents which had interrupted this game of the 3rd day of Premier League last August. The two teams are meeting again, this time on neutral ground and without an audience at the Aube stadium in Troyes. Kick-off 9:00 p.m.