

The News

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Jean-Luc Lahaye is in custody in relation to a case of statutory rape. The 68-year-old singer was arrested this morning. He is suspected of having assaulted two teenage girls several years ago. His daughter was also placed in custody for suspicion of intimidating the victims. According to the newspaper *Le Parisien*, the mothers of the victims are also in custody. They were supposedly fans of the singer who encouraged their daughters to have sexual relations with him.

Eric-Dupond-Moretti will remain indicted. The appeal filed the was rejected. The Minister of Justice was indicted in mid-July for "unlawful conflict of interest". Eric-Dupond-Moretti is suspected of having taken advantage of his functions as a Minister to intervene in cases in which he was previously a lawyer.

Starting Monday, 39 additional departments will have children wear masks in school. This concerns territories where the incidence rate exceeds the threshold of 50 cases per 100,000 inhabitants. The official list of the 61 departments will be published tomorrow.

And Angela Merkel is in France. The German Chancellor is making her last official visit to France today before leaving her position in December. She is traveling to Beaune with Emmanuel Macron. The German Chancellor will be awarded the Grand' Croix, which is the highest distinction of the order of the Legion of Honor.

Mohamed Mbougar Sarr wins the Goncourt prize. The Senegalese writer is rewarded for his novel "La plus secrète mémoire des hommes" and becomes the first writer from sub-Saharan Africa to be consecrated by the most prestigious literary prize. Amélie Nothomb won the Renaudot prize for her book "Premier sang".

And then in tennis, it's already over for the French team in the Billie Jean King Cup - the new name of the Fed Cup. The French who were the titleholders, were eliminated by Russia during the group stage.