



## The News

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The Toulouse Court of Appeal will today re-examine a new release request from Cédric Jubillar, the man accused of having murdered his wife, Delphine. This is the third time that Mr Jubillar has applied for his release since he was placed in pre-trial detention in June. Delphine's body has never been found since her disappearance in Cagnac-les-Mines in the Tarn.

A migrant camp in Grande-Synthe in the Nord is currently being evacuated on the orders of the Interior Minister, Gérald Damanin. The camp has been identified as illegal and police have begun to dismantle it today. Numbers in the settlement have risen drastically since September when around 400 people moved there. Today that number has increased to nearer 1,500 migrants.

Research is beginning to reveal the negative effects that the lockdown has had on school children. The Education Minister, Jean-Michel Blanquer, has announced the results of national evaluations carried out at the start of September in the newspaper, Le Parisien this morning. It shows that children in CP, CE1 and 6ieme have dropped back academically to pre-pandemic levels. Mr Blanquer has also announced that 1,057 classes are currently closed due to Covid.

The health crisis remains in the headlines and will be one of the key topics of discussion at the Congress of Mayors in Paris which begins today at the Porte de Versailles. 10,000 elected representatives will convene over a three-day seminar and will hold talks on Covid and security. This 103<sup>rd</sup> congress will close on Thursday with a speech given by President Macron.

And finally to football news, the French will take on Finland tonight in their last game this year. The Blues have already qualified but Didier Deschamps wants to finish the year on a high. Kick off is a 8.45