



## The News

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David Lisnard is elected at the head of the association of mayors of France with 62% of votes. The mayor *les Republicans* of Cannes received the support of the outgoing president, François Baroin. David Lisnard was opposed to Philippe Laurent, the UDI mayor of Sceaux, in the Paris region. More than 34,000 members of the association were invited to take part in the ballot. And Emmanuel Macron will receive in the early evening a little over a thousand mayors at the Élysée.

Gabriel Attal assures that France holds all the cards to face the fifth wave of the coronavirus. The government spokesperson confirms that the epidemic is accelerating everywhere but according to him, our vaccine coverage blocks the infernal mechanics of the virus. The increase in contaminations is not followed for the moment by the same impact on hospitalizations.

Today was another important day in the trial of the attacks of November 13, with the hearing of Bernard Cazeneuve. The former Minister of the Interior explained that he had never been warned of a threat targeting the Bataclan. And another hearing took place this afternoon, that of the former public prosecutor of Paris, François Molins.

The court is looking into the Eric Zemmour case. The polemicist is tried for inciting hatred in relation to his statement on unaccompanied migrant minors whom he has qualified as murderers and rapists. The hearing opened this morning before the Paris Criminal Court, although Eric Zemmour was not present. An absence to "prevent the court from turning into a non-stop news TV studio", according to his lawyer.

Also in the news are the pessimistic predictions of the Polish Minister of Defense. According to him, the migration crisis could last for months, even years. Thousands of migrants, mainly from the Middle East, are still camping near the Polish border, on the Belarusian side. Yesterday, Polish security forces used tear gas to push back migrants. Nine police officers were injured during these clashes.

And then in tennis, Novak Djokovic qualifies for the semi-finals of the Turin Masters. The Serbian won in two small sets against Andrey Rublev. The Russian made too many mistakes as he faced the number 1 worldwide champion.