

The News

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Belgium will close all preschools and elementary schools one week in advance, from December 18. This was announced by the Prime Minister as cases of Covid 19 are soaring in the country. In France the government wants to be reassuring. "The strategy we have allows us to resist", declared Emmanuel Macron from Dubai. A defense council is scheduled for Monday at the Elysée.

The president is in Dubai where he announced the signing of a record contract. 80 Rafales are ordered by the United Arab Emirates as well as 12 helicopters for a total amount of 17 billion euros. This is the biggest military contract in our history, "says Emmanuel Macron for whom France has a role to play in the region, especially regarding the fight against terrorism.

A new decisive hearing for Cédric Jubillar. The No. 1 suspect in the disappearance of his wife Delphine a year ago in the Tarn, is being heard today by the examining magistrates. He continues to claim his innocence. His lawyers denounce an abusive detention.

A call for witnesses has been launched by Interpol to find a drug lord. Joël Soudron is suspected of having been at the head of a large cocaine importation network in France. Hundreds of kilograms of drugs were leaving the West Indies for the port of Le Havre. Incarcerated since 2016, the 40-year-old took advantage of a temporary leave to escape in 2018. His picture is published on the Interpol Most Wanted site where anyone can provide information to the police.

The Telethon kicks off this evening for 30 hours on France Television to collect as many donations as possible for research on rare diseases. Donations can be made by contacting 36-37. Hundreds of initiatives are also organized until the end of the weekend throughout France

And then the pandemic has changed how the French travel. This is what emerges from the "Mobility & Business Barometer of 2021 ", carried out by Ifop. The use of public transportation is declining, as the French commute more by car. This is particularly the case in towns with fewer than 100,000 inhabitants.