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A stumbling block for the vaccine pass. To everyone's surprise, the bill was suspended last night by the Assemblée Nationale. The opposition put a stop to the debates after a show of hands. These debates should continue this evening or tomorrow. This is a setback for the executive, who counted on a rapid adoption of the vaccine pass, which is supposed to replace the health pass.

Six police officers are summoned to a disciplinary council today, 8 months after the femicide of Mérignac in Gironde. A woman was burned alive in the street by her ex-husband, on May 4th. The agents will have to answer for administrative failures in this file. The victim had lodged a complaint against her ex-spouse two months before being killed. The complaint was badly received according to the family's lawyer.

The former Minister of SMEs Alain Griset will be tried this afternoon by the Lille judicial court. He is accused of breach of trust. On December 8th, he was convicted to six months suspended imprisonment and a suspended three-year ineligibility sentence. This sentence prompted him to resign from the government.

After over a hundred alarm incidents, the courts have decided to revoke the electronic bracelet placement of Patrick and Isabelle Balkany. The couple, who are appealing this decision, have been serving their sentences for tax evasion in their property in Giverny since February 2021, under house arrest. The Balkany couple were sentenced to three years in prison for tax evasion.

The very first radar measuring the noise of two-wheelers will be inaugurated today in the Chevreuse valley in the Yvelines by the Minister for Ecological Transition Barbara Pompili. This area is often frequented by bikers. The objective is to fight against noise pollution.