

The News

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"I will allow no one to place a dagger at the throat of democracy", says Joe Biden. The American president gave a speech earlier from the capitol in Washington, one year to the day after the violent attack launched at the building by supporters of Donald Trump. Joe Biden has also accused his predecessor of having spread a web of lies during his defeat in 2020 and of having tried to prevent a peaceful transfer of power.

France calls for calm in Kazakhstan. Paris asks that all the parties involved in the crisis resume dialogue. On site the violence rages. Dozens of people have been killed by the police in riots that shook the city of Almaty - the largest in the country. The Kazakh population took to the streets to denounce the increase in gas prices.

In the rest of the news, there will soon be a new weapon to fight the coronavirus. 3 million doses of the Novavax vaccine have been ordered by France. Deliveries are scheduled for the end of January before the first injections that could take place early February. We still have to wait for the favorable opinion of the *Haute Autorité de la Santé* expected by the end of the week.

The government is committed to providing all teachers with surgical masks by the end of the month. This was announced by Jean Castex but his announcement was insufficient for unions who demanded FFP2 masks, as they are considered more protective. For the moment, however, those are reserved for caregivers and nursing staff.

After almost a month of interruption, the trial of the attacks of November 13, 2015 resumed today before the special circuit court of Paris. Salah Abdeslam is present. The only survivor of the commandos was declared fit to appear by the experts despite his positive COVID test on December 27.

And then soccer: The 20th day of premier league scheduled for this weekend is once again impacted by Covid. After Angers St Etienne, this time it is Lille - Lorient which has been postponed. 12 Lorient players and 8 Lille players are positive for the coronavirus.