

The News

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There is perhaps a hope with the crisis in Ukraine. According to the Elysée, Emmanuel Macron and Vladimir Poutine agree on the need for a de-escalation. The two men spoke for almost 2 hours on the phone to try to find a way out of the conflict. The outcome, however, remains uncertain. For Moscow, the responses from the United States and NATO are not satisfactory so far.

It's confirmed: The baccalaureate specialty written exams have been postponed by 2 months. Originally scheduled for March, they will, this year, take place on May 11, 12 and 13 due to the health crisis which is disrupting school schedules. The decision was made this afternoon after a meeting between the teachers' unions and the Minister of Education Jean-Michel Blanquer.

The government wants to strengthen control in nursing homes. This announcement follows the scandal affecting the retirement homes of Orpéa. In a book published on Wednesday, the private group is accused of mistreating its residents to increase its profitability. The Managing Director will also have to explain himself on Tuesday before the Minister in charge of the elderly Brigitte Bourguignon.

A 33-year-old mother is placed in police custody in Choisy-le-Roi in Val-de-Marne. She is suspected of being involved in the death of her 10-year-old son, whose body was found yesterday in a suitcase in Seine-et-Marne. It was the boy's father who had alerted the gendarmes on Wednesday evening. The prosecutor's office of Meaux opened an investigation for intentional homicide of a minor under 15.

The legal proceedings against Jean-Michel Baylet have been dropped. The Paris prosecutor's office dismissed the investigation against the former minister. He was accused by the daughter of a former senator of rape and sexual assault. The events are now expired since they date back to the early '80s.

And then Handball and the Euro with *Les Bleus* who will face tonight Sweden. Sweden had eliminated the French team a year ago year in the world championship - So there is revenge in the air. The game begins at 8:30 p.m.