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The trial opened this morning before the Circuit Court of Grenoble. Nordhal Lelandais is on trial for the murder of Maelys. The 8-year-old girl had disappeared during a wedding in Pont de Beauvoisin in the summer of 2017. The 38-year-old former dog handler has already been sentenced to 20 years in prison in another case - for the murder of Arthur Noyer - last May. He did no not appeal the verdict. This time Nordhal Lelandais risks life in prison.

The director of Orpéa has been fired. The private group manages several EPHADs in France. He is accused of mistreating his residents to increase his profitability in a book titled "Les Fossoyeurs" published last week and which caused a shock wave even in politics. The leaders of Orpéa are also summoned tomorrow by the Minister Delegate for Autonomy Brigitte Bourguignon.

Also in the news, she wants to unite the left after her victory yesterday in the popular primary. Christiane Taubira will call her opponents one by one to offer them to unite for the presidential election. Jean Luc Mélenchon, Yannick Jadot and Anne Hidalgo have already announced that they will not recognize the results of the ballot which they consider illegitimate.

Abroad, a drama unfolded in Germany where 2 police officers were killed this morning during a traffic check in kuzel. The suspects have fled and are still wanted. The police have launched a call for witnesses and ask that motorists do not to pick up hitchhikers.

A meeting of the UN Security Council is taking place today regarding the Ukrainian crisis. It was requested by the United States in order to dissuade Russia from invading Ukraine. For its part, Kyiv calls on Moscow to withdraw its military troops from the Ukrainian border.

And then 2 departments are still placed under orange weather alert this afternoon: the Var for strong winds, where gusts reaching up to 130 km/h are expected during the day. An alert is also maintained on the coast of the North department for risk of waves-submersion.