

## The News

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A close relation of Eric Zemmour is targeted by a preliminary investigation for suspicion of rape. Olivier Ubéda is accused by an 18-year-old man who worked with him as an intern. A complaint was filed in early December. The communication adviser responsible for the image of the presidential candidate reacted immediately: He rejects these accusations and says he was framed to tarnish the campaign. Olivier Ubéda will be heard in the coming days by the criminal police.

Today is the 1st day of trial for Nordhal Lelandais before the Circuit court of Grenoble. The 38-year-old former dog handler is tried for the murder of Maelys in the summer of 2017. He admits he killed the little girl, but says it was involuntarily. He also apologized to the little girl's family. Several witnesses did not appear today at the stand, including the brother of Nordhal Lelandais. He will finally be heard tomorrow afternoon. The trial is expected to last 3 weeks.

Also in the news: road safety figures have improved in France in 2021. 2,947 people died in mainland France, which represents a 9% drop compared to 2019. The only downside concerns cyclists, with more than 200 killed last year, which is unprecedented.

Abroad, the Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau tested positive for Covid-19. He has no symptoms and will continue to work remotely for several days. Justin Trudeau took the opportunity to call on the Canadian population to get vaccinated. This takes place as an unprecedented protest movement shakes the country. Thousands of truckers have been occupying downtown Ottawa since Friday evening to denounce the sanitary measures and oppose vaccination.

And soccer to finish : we will know this evening the last club qualified for the quarter-finals of the Coupe de France. PSG receives Nice. The game will take place at the Parc des Princes between the leader of Premier League and the runner-up. On this occasion, Lionel Messi might be number 10, the number he wore in Barcelona. It would be a first. Kick-off at 9.15 p.m.