

The News

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After 2 hours of a spectacular show, the Winter Olympics in Beijing are officially open. France is aiming for 15 medals in these games, the same as 4 years ago in Pyone-chang.

Also in the news, the prosecution counter-attacks in the Balkany case. The public prosecutor of Evreux spoke the day after the cancellation of the couple's electronic bracelets. According to the prosecution, Patrick and Isabelle Balkany have made no effort to meet their obligations after their conviction for tax evasion. "When you play with fire, you get burned" said the prosecutor, who speaks of many warnings that have remained unanswered. The Balkany couple now both risk returning to prison.

In the Reunion Island, it's time to take stock of the situation after the passage of the cyclone. The red alert has been lifted but people are asked to stay at home as rain and strong gusts of wind are still expected in the coming days. The Cyclone is now approaching Madagascar and will reach hit the island by tomorrow. Authorities are on alert as the phenomenon is expected to intensify in the coming hours.

The Minister of Sea, Annick Girardin is requesting an administrative investigation after the discovery of tens of thousands of dead fish in the Bay of Gascogne - A situation revealed by the NGO Sea Shepherd. Someone has since recognized a fishing accident and claims that the boat was accidentally damaged near La Rochelle. 3 other boats would be involved in this ecological disaster.

Emmanuel Macron is acting as a mediator in the Ukrainian crisis. The President will travel to Moscow on Monday and to Kiev on Tuesday where he will successively meet his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin as well as the Ukrainian President. The Elysée states that the meetings will be private one-on-one discussion, but in coordination with European partners.