

## The News

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Their one-on-one discussion is about to begin. Emmanuel Macron is in Moscow to meet with Vladimir Putin to discuss the crisis in Ukraine. The French president said he was determined and lucid as to the possibility of reducing tensions in this case. The Kremlin does not expect decisive progress with this discussion which will end with a joint press conference. Emmanuel Macron will then travel tomorrow to Kyiv to meet the Ukrainian President.

In Morocco, the funeral of little Rayan took place today in his village in the north of the country. The 5-year-old boy died this weekend after falling in a 100-feet deep well. An extraordinary rescue operation had been carried out to save him, but it was unfortunately too late. This tragedy had raised a strong wave of emotion throughout the world.

In France, at the circuit court of Grenoble, Nordhal Lelandais faced the parents of Maelys. The 38-year-old former dog trainer has already admitted to having killed the girl, but claims it was involuntarily. The child's mother talked about the night of her daughter's disappearance. She then talked about her life without Maelys, describing it as a true nightmare - before speaking directly to Nordhal Lelandais. She told him to look down, as that was all he could do, as the picture of the little girl was displayed to the audience.

Patrick Balkany is incarcerated at the prison of the Fleury-Mérogis. Sentenced for massive tax evasion, the former mayor of Levallois returns to prison after the revocation last week of his electronic bracelet, following multiple offenses. As for his wife Isabelle, she remains hospitalized for now, according to the prosecutor of Evreux.

And then 3 medals for France at the Beijing Winter Olympics and Anaïs Chevalier-Bouchet won silver this morning in the individual 15-kilometer biathlon.