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After three weeks of hearing, the verdict will be delivered today at the trial of Nordahl Lelandais. Life imprisonment with a 22-year security sentence has been requested against the former dog handler, accused of the murder of little Maelys, which he has admitted. The Advocate General is convinced that the motive was sexual. Nordahl Lelandais is also on trial for sexual assault on two cousins.

A mother has been indicted for a murder near Nancy. She confessed in police custody to having killed her two children aged 9 months and 2 and a half years. The prosecution also requested provisional detention of this 35-year-old woman.

A very complicated Friday in terms of transport. As the holidays in zone C begin, a strike is underway at the SNCF on the South West axis, as well as at the RATP in the Paris region. The metros, trams, buses, and the RER A and B very disrupted today. Employees are demanding more staff and wage increases.

The unemployment rate was down in the last quarter of 2021. This announcement came from INSEE, which today communicated the employment figures, which is -0.6 points compared to the 3rd quarter of last year. The unemployment rate in France now stands at 7.4%.

Gusts of wind up to 140 km/h. Storm Eunice arrives in the north of France, and 5 departments have been placed on an orange alert. Le Nord, le Pas-de-Calais, la Somme, la Seine-Maritime, and the Channel. Rail traffic must be halted from this afternoon in the North, the Pas de Calais, and on several lines in Normandy.

In the Winter Olympics in Beijing, the French biathlete Quentin Fillon-Maillet will try to win a 6th medal, which would be a first.