



## The News

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Vladimir Putin says that the peace process in the conflict in Ukraine is a dead end, in reference to the Minsk peace agreements signed in 2014. The agreement was sabotaged by Kiev, according to the Russian president. At the same time, diplomatic efforts continue to try to achieve a de-escalation. The French and Russian Foreign Ministers, Jean-Yves Le Drian and Sergei Lavrov will meet in Paris on Friday. The organization of a summit on the Ukrainian situation will be discussed.

Marine Le Pen asks the mayors of France for their support, as the candidate of the *Rassemblement National* is still missing 50 sponsorships to participate in the presidential election. In a video released on social networks she appeals to the civic spirit of elected officials. According to Marine Le Pen, her non-participation in the ballot would be a major democratic scandal. Candidates have until March 4 to submit their 500 sponsorships.

Schools are reopening with less restrictive health measures. Schoolchildren in zone B are the first to benefit from the new health protocol and no longer have to wear a mask during recess. The rules for mixing between students are also lightened, especially during lunchtime. Another novelty is that parents no longer have to provide a sworn statement after a self-test when their child has been a contact case.

A man was arrested in Nice after an attempted femicide. His partner was found at home this morning, seriously injured with a knife in her neck and face area. According to the mayor Christian Estrosi, the suspect was spotted thanks to CCTV cameras and arrested while he was on a train to go to Italy with the couple's child. The investigation for attempted murder was entrusted to Departmental Security.

And then after the soap opera of the Australian Open, Novak Djokovic resumes competitions today. The Serbian tennis player is at the ATP 500 in Dubai - A tournament where it is not required to be vaccinated to participate. The world number one player stated that he "missed tennis after all that has happened".