



## The News

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Police are close to solving a 36-year-old cold case which took place in the Isère. The disappearance of 25-year-old mother Marie-Thérèse Bonfanti on May 22nd 1986 may soon be resolved with the arrest of a man at the beginning of this week. According to the Dauphiné Libéré, the 56-year-old suspect has been charged with her kidnapping and murder after having confessed to the crimes.

The government has once again stepped in to try and mitigate price rises at the pump, which are continuing to climb. The current discount of between 15 and 18 centimes per litre will be extended beyond the 31st of July. This rebate was initially implemented on April 1st for a four-month period.

The Minister of Health, Olivier Véran, has confirmed that the wearing of face masks on public transport will no longer be mandatory as of next Monday. Falling Covid figures have meant further easing of restrictions. The EU has also reacted to an improvement in the health situation by announcing that masks are not required at airports nor aboard flights within the European Union.

However, leader Kim Jong-un has ordered a nationwide lockdown after the first confirmed case of Covid-19 was reported in North Korea.

The Ukrainian region of Kherson which has been occupied by the Russian army for 2 months, is to ask Moscow for official annexation. Pro-Russian separatist forces have asked Vladimir Putin to take over the territory, as he did in 2014 with Crimea.

And staying with the war in Ukraine, a 21-year-old Russian soldier will be tried for a war crime. This is the first trial for such a charge since the start of the conflict. The man is suspected of shooting a 62-year-old civilian who was unarmed.

And finally to football news where nothing seems to be able to hold back Nantes who won last night against Rennes by 2 goals to 1. This is the team's latest success on the 36th day of Ligue 1 and just 4 days after winning the Coupe de France.

