



## The News

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Jean Castex has submitted his resignation to the Head of State, in person at the Elysée. His resignation comes as no surprise, as even before the results of the presidential election Jean Castex had announced that he would leave office. The future former Prime Minister will now return to his home in the Pyrénées Orientales after the transfer of power to his successor scheduled for this evening - A successor whose name we will know in the next few minutes.

Road mortality is on the rise. According to the National Interministerial Road Safety Observatory, 262 people were killed on the roads of mainland France in April, which is 11% more than in April of 2019 - The reference year before the confinements.

A woman was found dead in a park in Béziers. The macabre discovery was made by a homeless person yesterday morning. The 30-year-old victim was allegedly strangled and raped. Three suspects were arrested.

It's official, Sweden is going to apply for NATO membership. This is what Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson announced this afternoon, referring to a new "era" for the Scandinavian country. Sweden will therefore join Finland. Hélsinki officially asked to join the Atlantic Alliance yesterday.

And these announcements did not fail to make the Kremlin react. "The extension of NATO will provoke a response from our side", warns Vladimir Putin. The Russian president does not believe that the arrival of Finland and Sweden in NATO poses a threat in itself but says Moscow will remain attentive.

Tennis and the beginning of qualifications at Roland Garros six days before the beginning of the tournament. 128 players ranked above the top 100 in the world, including 27 French players will try to qualify. They will only be 16 to join the final draw. Gael Monfils, injured, announced his withdrawal this afternoon.