



The News

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Reactions are multiplying after the death of French journalist Frédéric Leclerc-Imhoff, in Ukraine. President Volodymyr Zelensky paid tribute to the 32-year-old reporter, who was covering the conflict for BFM TV. He was killed after being hit by shrapnel while travelling on a humanitarian bus. The Ukrainian leader said on both BFM and Twitter: "I send my sincere condolences to the family of Frédéric". President Emmanuel Macron expressed "his pain" after this tragic event. The national anti-terrorist department have announced that they are opening a war crimes investigation.

The European bloc has decided once again to place sanctions on Russia. At a summit in Brussels, representatives from the 27 states finally reached an agreement last night for an embargo on Russian oil, covering more than "two thirds" of their imports.

UEFA has announced the opening of an "independent investigation" into the excesses around the final of the Football Champions League. The aim is to find those responsible for the fiasco at the Stade de France. Thousands of supporters tried to enter the stadium without a ticket or using fake tickets.

On this World No Tobacco Day, the World Health Organisation is sounding the alarm. In a report published this morning, they claim that the tobacco industry has a "disastrous" impact on the environment. According to this report, the industry is responsible for the loss of 600 million trees, and growing tobacco uses 22 billion tons of water each year, and emits around 84 million tons of CO₂. Additionally, more than 4,500 billion cigarette butts are discarded into the natural environment every year.

Time is ticking for those needing to complete their tax declarations. Those living in départements 20 to 54 only have a few hours left to file their tax returns online. The deadline is midnight tonight. This deadline also applies for those submitting paper declarations.

And finally to sport and tennis news from Roland Garros. World number 2 Daniil Medvedev was knocked out yesterday by Marin Cilic in three sets. The quarter-finals

start today and fans can look forward to a mighty clash between two former champions, Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal.