



## The News

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After five years of having their salaries frozen by the government, civil servants will receive an increase in their pay packets of 3.5% from July 1st. The Minister of Transformation and the Civil Service, Stanislas Guérini, will meet with unions today for a salary conference. Nearly 6 million civil servants will benefit from this pay rise.

Yaël Braun-Pivet will become the first woman to preside over the National Assembly. She is due to be elected this afternoon. The current Minister for Overseas Territories will succeed Richard Ferrand at the head of a particularly difficult period for the Assembly.

Wearing a mask has been recommended when using public transport by the Minister of Health. Brigitte Bourguignon has confirmed that there is no obligation but strongly encourages the French to do so. Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne will meet with préfets and regional health agencies this afternoon to discuss the ongoing recovery from the pandemic.

An emergency meeting of the UN Security Council is taking place today after renewed Russian shelling of civilians in Ukraine. At least 18 people are dead from a strike on a busy shopping mall in the town of Krementchouk. G7 member countries who are meeting at the summit have strongly condemned this attack against civilians.

A scene of horror has unfolded in the United States. The bodies of 46 people have been discovered in a truck in Texas. This means of transport is frequently used by migrants wishing to enter the country. According to the Republican Governor of Texas, these deaths are the responsibility of Joe Biden, because of an alleged "deadly" policy of opening borders.

And finally in football, Christophe Galtier will soon be confirmed as the next PSG coach. The former Nice manager has reached an agreement with the Parisian club for a two-year contract with an additional one-year option. PSG still needs to manage the departure of Mauricio Pochettino.