



## The News

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The man suspected of having started the fire in the area of Aubenas in Ardèche has confessed. The man, in his forties, was seen on board his pick-up near the area where the fire started, with a very high blood alcohol level. On site, 1,200 hectares have burned down. The fire is now fixed but hundreds of firefighters are still fighting the last flames.

And the volunteer firefighter, in the Hérault this time, also admitted today to having caused several fire in the department in May and a week ago. He had been taken into custody overnight from Tuesday to Wednesday.

And a new fire in the Aude broke out early this afternoon in the Corbières along the A61 highway. An impressive fire which is currently disrupting traffic.

In the rest of the news, Mohammed Ben Salman will be at the Elysée tonight. The Saudi Crown Prince is in France today and will have dinner tonight with Emmanuel Macron. This is his first visit to Europe since the assassination of journalist Jamal Rashogui in 2018. Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine and the surge in energy prices, the leaders of Western countries have reassessed their relationship with Saudi Arabia.

The cathedral of Notre Dame de Paris may reopen in 2024. In any case, this is the objective targeted by Rima Abdul Malak. The Minister of Culture was at the reconstruction site this morning.

And then soccer: 7 million people followed last night the game of the French women's team, defeated 2-1 against Germany in the Euro quarterfinals. New disappointment for the group of Corinne Diacre. Noël Le Graët the president of the Federation wishes, however, to extend the contract of Corinne Diacre until the 2024 Olympics. The French team will now prepare for the next world cup, next year in Australia and New Zealand.