



## The News

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The equivalent of 6-months worth of rain fell yesterday in parts of France including the Bouches-du-Rhône. Torrents of water were recorded in Cassis but also in Marseille where the old port was completely flooded. Rain and violent storms were also present in the Lyon region – in particular near St-Etienne. This morning, only the Pyrénées-Atlantiques is on orange alert for flooding. Up to 100mm of precipitation is expected throughout the day.

Gérald Darmanin continues to voice his concerns over urban rodeos. While traveling to Créteil yesterday, the Minister of the Interior confirmed that the number of controls to try to fight against these events, would intensify. He has also announced that more than 2,200 people have been arrested and 1,800 scooters and motorcycles have been seized since the beginning of the year.

The World Health Organisation has called for vigilance after a dog was infected with monkeypox last week in Paris. This is the first reported case of transmission of the disease from human beings to animals. The advice given is for people infected with the virus to stay away from animals until they are no longer infected.

There has been an appalling discovery in New Zealand. The remains of 2 young children were found in suitcases bought at auction in an Auckland warehouse. According to the investigators, the bodies were probably kept for several years and the victims were between 5 and 10 years old.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres is expected in Ukraine today. He will meet Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in Lviv, as well as Turkish President Erdogan. At the heart of the discussions will be the export of grain from Ukrainian ports.

And finally to a symbol of success for all women in Japan, as we learn of the death of stylist Hanae Mori. Nicknamed "Madame Butterfly" for the butterfly patterns that had made her trademark, she was one of the few Japanese women at the head of an

international company – a role which made her a pioneer in the emancipation of women in her country. She died at the age of 96.