



The News

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A new fire has broken out yesterday afternoon in the Gironde. About 400 hectares have already been destroyed and 500 inhabitants from the village have had to be evacuated. Significant resources as well as hundreds of firefighters were mobilized across the area to try to prevent the spread of the flames. Temperatures were still very hot yesterday in the south-west of the country, particularly in the Gironde, where it reached almost 40 degrees.

One of President Macron's campaign promises about creating a citizens' convention on the right to end of life, will be launched next month. The head of state will today outline details of this convention which will last for a period of six months. Whether by a government vote or as a result of a referendum, the president hopes for a change in the law by the end of 2023.

Emotions were high in the United Kingdom yesterday as the four children of Queen Elizabeth II gathered around their mother's coffin in Saint Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh. The late Queen's coffin will be transported to London today before her funeral next Monday.

Ukraine continues its counter-attack against the Russians. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky confirmed last night that his army had retaken nearly 6,000 km² of territory from Russian forces, mainly in the east and the south of the country.

In football news, Marseille welcomes Frankfurt this evening at the Vélodrome in the 2nd group match of the Champions League. The match has been classified as a high security risk after five fans were already arrested in the run-up to the game. Kick-off is at 9 o'clock.

And finally to news of the Artemis 1 mission which will now have to wait a little longer. After 2 postponements due to technical problems, NASA announced yesterday that the rocket will take off no earlier than September the 27th. The mission aims to check if the Orion capsule is reliable for transporting astronauts to the Moon.