



## The News

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Today was a historical day: The United Kingdom bid farewell to Elizabeth II. The Queen's funeral took place this afternoon at Westminster Abbey in the presence of more than 2,000 guests, including Emmanuel Macron. The national anthem, "God save the king" resounded in the religious building, followed by two minutes of silence. The coffin then took off for Windsor Castle and another religious ceremony.

An investigation has been opened by the Lille prosecutor's office against Adrien Quatennens. The wife of the MP of the North has filed a complaint for domestic violence. Adrien Quatennens has announced that he is stepping back from his position as coordinator of *La France Insoumise*.

Almost 5 years after the tragedy that took place in Millas, where six middle school students had died, the trial of the bus driver opened today in Marseille. The driver is accused of having forced a level crossing, causing a collision with a train. She maintains that the barriers were open. Two questions will be at the heart of this three-week trial: that of the barriers at the level crossing and that of the sleeping pills that the driver was taking.

Health authorities confirm the link between exposure to asbestos and certain cancers of the larynx and ovaries. Asbestos has been used for several decades in the construction of buildings but is now banned in many countries including France. This link opens the way to better compensation for patients, by recognizing occupational diseases.

And Joe Biden is strongly criticized in China. The American president has said that his country will defend Taiwan in the event of a Chinese invasion. But for China, this is a serious violation of the agreements made several decades ago on the status of the island.