



## The News

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She remained in office for only 44 days - A record across the Channel. British Prime Minister Liz Truss resigned this afternoon. A scenario almost written in advance after weeks of crisis and criticism from within her own party. Her successor will be appointed by October 28 after a vote within the conservative majority.

In France, discussions promise to be tense in the National Assembly. MPs are currently examining the Social Security financing bill. The text provides for a regulation of remote consultations and the reform of training for general practitioners by extending their studies by one year. The measures are contested in the ranks of the opposition but also by health professionals. Now it remains to be seen whether the government will shorten the debates by using once again the *quarante-neuf trois* article of the constitution. A process has already been activated last night to adopt the first part of the finance bill for 2023.

The funeral of the young Lola will take place on Monday in the town of Lillère in Pas-de-Calais; the city where her mother grew up. The body of the 12-year-old teenager was found in a trunk last week in Paris. The main suspect, a 24-year-old Algerian woman is indicted.

The mobilization begins to run out of steam in the refineries of TotaEnergie after 3 weeks of conflict. The strike has been lifted at three sites, while two others remain mobilized, that of Gonfreville until October 27 and in the Feyzin depot in the Rhône. In terms of fuel, only 1 in 5 gas stations are still experiencing supply difficulties in France. However, the situation remains tense in Bourgogne-Franche-Comté, Ile-de-France and Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes.

And then watch out for heavy rainfall expected in Ardèche. The department is placed under orange weather alert with risks of flooding. Météo France expects up to 250mm of rain by tomorrow.