



## The News

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A month after the murder of Justine Vayrac in the Corrèze, the circumstances surrounding her death are becoming clearer. An autopsy carried out on the 20-year-old has concluded that she was raped on the evening of her death. These results contradict the main suspect's version during police questioning, who said that the sexual relationship with the victim was consensual.

Bringing closure to a 36-year-old cold case, the skull which was discovered last month in Buisson, in the Isère, has been matched to Marie-Thérèse Bonfanti who disappeared on May the 22<sup>nd</sup> 1986. A 57-year-old man, who was arrested last May, admitted to killing Marie-Thérèse, who was aged 25 at the time of her death.

The mayor of Saint-Etienne will not stand down whatever the outcome of the current case against him. He was questioned yesterday by members of the opposition in the municipal council. Gaël Perdriau announced that he did not intend to resign, even if he were to be indicted after the judicial investigation into an alleged video blackmailing.

The National Assembly yesterday rejected the motion of censure tabled by La France Insoumise. This motion is in response to the use of article 49.3, activated on Friday evening for the sixth time by Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne over the social security draft budget.

The Saint-Avold coal-fired power station is back in service. It was closed last March, but started producing electricity again yesterday. The Moselle power station, which is one of the last in France to run on coal, should have closed its doors definitively after last winter. But it has been brought back into operation by the government as a result of the current energy crisis.

And finally to football news. Portugal and Brazil join France in the last 16 of the World Cup. The Portuguese got through last night by beating Uruguay 2-0 in a match marked by a spectator stepping onto the pitch with an LGBTQ+ flag and a t-shirt with a message

of support for Iranian women. A little earlier, the Brazilians also advanced their position after beating Switzerland 1-0.