



## The News

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President Macron is now on a visit to the United States. The French Head of State arrived in Washington last night for his first trip there since Jo Biden was elected president. The topics of discussion between the two men will range from the war in Ukraine, tackling the current energy issues and American trade protectionism. It is hoped that this visit may help dispel any mild tensions between the two countries.

"The epidemic is starting again". This is Elisabeth Borne's warning after figures show that France is facing a resurgence of Covid cases, to possibly as many as 40,000 per day. The Prime Minister advises wearing a mask on public transport and while interacting with vulnerable members of society. Ms Borne has concerns that this new wave combined with seasonal flu and bronchitis, will increase the pressure on hospital services.

Justice Minister Éric Dupond-Moretti will today unveil an action plan to reassure the legal sector as magistrates highlight problems over budgetary issues. Mr Dupond-Moretti has already announced the hiring of 10,000 legal officials by 2027, including 1,500 magistrates.

Six years after the attacks in Brussels, today sees the start of the trial of nine defendants, including Salah Abdeslam. The court will have to determine who was responsible for carrying out these attacks which left 32 dead and several hundred injured. Two jihadists blew themselves up at Brussels-Zaventem airport, and a third in the metro in the Belgian capital. The hearing begins at 9 o'clock this morning and is expected to last until June.

And finally, to news of the World Cup where England have reached the last 16 after winning 3-0 against Wales. They will go up against Senegal in their next match. The United States also qualified after beating Iran 1-0 and will now take on the Netherlands. The French team, who have already made it through, will play Tunisia this afternoon. And in a first, French referee, Stéphanie Frappart, will become the first female referee of a men's World Cup match, when she oversees the Costa Rica versus Germany game tomorrow.

