



The News

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After three months of hearing, it is now time for the requisitions at the trial of the Nice attack in 2016. 8 defendants are tried before the special circuit court of Paris: three for criminal terrorist conspiracy, the others for arms trafficking. From the opening this morning, the Assistant Public Prosecutor recalled that none of the defendants could be judged as if they were the perpetrators of the attack. Mohamed Lahouaiej-Bouhlel, a 31-year-old Tunisian, was shot dead by the police after driving his truck into the crowd on the evening of July 14, killing 86 people.

From Albania where he must attend a European summit, Emmanuel Macron wanted to reassure the population regarding the risk of power cuts this winter in France. According to the President, the role of the government is to do its job to provide energy and to ask that everyone be responsible with regards to energetic sobriety. In a rather offensive tone, Emmanuel Macron promised that France would hold out this winter despite the war in Ukraine and the energy crisis.

The former boss of the Parisian judicial police has been released. Bernard Petit was tried in the case of suspicions of leaks at 36, *quai des Orfèvres*, the former headquarters of the police. A case that had cost him his position 8 years ago. He was indicted for violation of the secrecy of instruction. The 67-year-old former police officer was cleared by the Paris Criminal Court.

Winegrowers protested today in Bordeaux to ask for help in uprooting of vines as they produce more than they sell and face an unprecedented crisis. This is unfortunately necessary for 15 % of the vineyard in order to put the Bordeaux winegrowers back afloat according to demonstrators. They are asking for a 10,000-euro aid per hectare from Europe.

In Germany, there will no longer be disposable cutlery or cardboard cups in Deutsche Bahn trains. From January 1st, they will be replaced by porcelain or glass tableware - much more eco-friendly according to the German railway company.