



## The News

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After almost a year in detention, the American basketball player Brittney Griner, is now free thanks to an exchange of prisoners. The sportswoman had been sentenced to nine years in prison for "possession of narcotics". Her release was granted in exchange for the release of the Russian arms dealer Viktor Bout. He had been detained in the United States for more than 10 years.

Croatia will join the Schengen area - The European area of free movement - on January 1. On the other hand, the European Ministers of the Interior who met in Brussels, did not grant the same status to Bulgaria and Romania, as Austria had vetoed the request.

The future pension reform continues to divide. Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne received today the union representatives at Matignon; starting this morning with the head of the CGT Philippe Martinez and that of the CFDT Laurent Berger. After his interview with the Prime Minister, Laurent Berger expressed his "fear" that the reform would focus on a measure related to the age of retirement. The outline of the reform will be presented next week.

Two new vaccines against the coronavirus are authorized in France by the High Authority for Health. The solutions of Sanofi and Novavax - Vaccines which can only be used as booster doses. According to the High Authority for Health, these two vaccines are effective and useful to meet the needs of people reluctant to vaccines with RNA messenger. Since the beginning of October, the most vulnerable are encouraged to receive a new dose.

After more than fifteen years of legal proceedings, the farmer who went on a crusade against Monsanto will receive just over 11,000 euros. Paul François, a farmer from Charente, inhaled in 2004 the vapors of the herbicide marketed by Monsanto. He had suffered several illnesses and even had a brush with death.

And then in soccer, two days before the quarter-final of the World Cup between France and England, we learn that the English will receive astonishing support: That of Robbie Williams. The singer will give a private concert to the team before the match at the base camp of the players. It remains to be seen whether that will be enough to win the game. France-England will take place on Saturday at 8 p.m.