



## The News

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The pension reform will, in the end, be presented on January 10 instead of this Thursday. This was announced by Emmanuel Macron during a meeting of the National Council for Refoundation. According to the Head of State, this postponement of almost a month is motivated by the recent changes, both on the side of the social partners and that of the parliamentary oppositions.

Gérald Darmanin wants the police in front of places of worship, as Christmas and Hanukkah approach. The Minister of the Interior has contacted the prefects. Currently, the terrorist threat is considered very high. Police forces will be deployed on foot, in front of all Christian and Jewish places of worship. They will be particularly attentive to vehicles parked nearby.

The message seems to have gotten through: Vaccination against the coronavirus is on the rise. In one week, the daily number of French people who receive a booster dose has doubled. A few days ago, the Minister of Health François Braun called for more vaccinations in anticipation of the holidays. As a reminder, Covid vaccination are available to all.

And a tragedy unfolded in the United Kingdom, where three children aged 8 to 11 died after falling into a frozen lake. A fourth survived but is in critical condition. They were fished out yesterday by emergency services, in cardiac arrest. The children were playing on the frozen lake when the ice gave way under their weight. The police are still on site in search of other possible victims.

In France, three departments are placed under orange snow and ice alert: Allier, Rhône and Loire. Tomorrow, Ain, Haute Savoie and Saône et Loire will join this alert. *Météo France* evokes a risk of slippery phenomena and calls for caution.

And then there will be many Moroccan supporters in Qatar on Wednesday for the World Cup semi-final against France. Royal Air Maroc is mobilizing 30 special planes to transport supporters between Casablanca and Doha, which is simply unheard of.