



## The News

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The investigation continues after the fire that killed at least ten people in a building in Vaulx-en-Velin last night. 5 children are among the victims. Minister of the Interior Gérald Darmanin, on site at midday, mentioned the work of the firefighters who saved several lives. The origin of the flames is still unknown. About a hundred people must now be relocated.

Two Parisian police officers are indicted and imprisoned. They are suspected of having replaced cocaine with plaster in sealed pieces of evidence. One of the two suspects was placed in pre-trial detention. The narcotics brigade had already been shaken by a resounding scandal in 2014 with the theft of nearly 50 kg of cocaine.

The ninth wave of the covid epidemic has peaked, according to health authorities. But hospitalizations and deaths continue to rise. The epidemic, which had slowed down after a wave at the end of the summer, has been increasingly spreading for nearly a month. The government is calling for people to get vaccinated.

In Ukraine, the metro of Kyiv is out of power after the Russian strikes of this morning. According to the commander of the armed forces, 76 missiles were fired at Ukraine by Russia. 60 of them were shot down by the defense systems. Nine Ukrainian power plants were damaged.

And then two days before the World Cup final against Argentina, the players of the French soccer team continue to be affected by a virus. After Adrien Rabiot, Dayot Upamecano and Kingsley Coman, it is now Raphaël Varane and Ibrahima Konaté who are ill with flu-like symptoms. Théo Hernandez and Aurélien Tchouaméni are not training today either.