



## The News

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Three people are dead and one seriously injured after a shooting at the end of the morning in the 10th arrondissement of Paris, near a Kurdish cultural center. The 69-year-old shooter has been arrested, and is already known to the police. The attacker targeted a Kurdish cultural centre and shot members of the local community, including those in the Kurdish community centre, a restaurant and a hairdresser. A possible racist motive is being investigated.

Tension and violence were at the scene of the shooting in the aftermath of the attack, where pro-Kurdish militants threw projectiles and burned garbage cans. The police responded with tear gas. Authorities appealed for people to avoid the area in Strasbourg-Saint Denis in the 10th district of Paris. There will be a vigil on Friday evening to pay tribute to those killed.

There will be no SNCF strike on the New Year's weekend. The management and unions reached an agreement this morning. However, the strike for this Christmas weekend cannot be avoided. 1 train out of 3 has been canceled today, 2 out of 5 trains are expected to be cancelled on Saturday and Sunday.

Charles Sobhraj has been released from prison. The French serial killer, nicknamed "the snake", committed around twenty murders across Asia in the 1970s. Imprisoned in Nepal, he should be transferred to France in the day. The Nepalese justice considered that this 78-year-old man should be released for health reasons.

And finally, two departments have orange rain-flood warnings in the Savoie and Haute-Savoie. Météo France warns against heavy rainfall until Saturday night to Sunday.