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The driver suspected of having fatally run over a teenager in Montpellier has been found. The victim, a 14-year-old boy, was violently killed after being hit by a driver in Montpellier amid clashes between rival football fans. The tragic event took place following the Morocco vs France semi-finals match, marking the Moroccan national team's exit from the 2022 World Cup. On the run, the motorist had taken refuge in Andalusia, with members of his distant family. He was finally found early this morning at the Spanish border.

Aid is available for those who heat themselves with wood, and the procedures to obtain the wood energy aid is open from today. More than 2.5 million households are eligible for this exceptional aid of 50 to 200 euros, depending on their income. This is a real boost given that the average price per cubic meter of wood has increased by 20% in one year. Beneficiaries have until April 30th to submit their request. The first cheques will be sent mid-February.

Half of the French ski slopes are closed, including the Pyrenees, the Vosges, and the Massif Central. Temperatures are too mild for the season and recent rain has worsened the situation. This is blow for the industry and holiday makers in the middle of the holiday period.

Fifty people have died in the United States after the violent winter storm that hit the country. For the governor of New York State, where more than half of the deaths have been, this extreme event is not finished, and up to 30 centimeters of snow could still fall. Electricity has been restored in more than 13,000 homes, but another 12,000 are still without power.

Japan will impose COVID-19 tests on tourists coming from China, given the explosion of coronavirus contaminations in China. If they test positive on their arrival in Japan, a seven-day quarantine will be imposed on Chinese travelers. The Chinese authorities stopped publishing daily data on the health situation on Sunday.