



## The News

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After several months of debates and consultations, the highly-contested pension reforms will be unveiled from 5.30 this afternoon by Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne. The possibility of postponing retirement age to 64 may still be considered. These reforms are far from being unanimous and unions have already started to make plans to demonstrate against them.

In a first in the Île de France, 90% of Pontoise emergency caregivers have filed for sick leave yesterday. On the verge of burnout for some, these health workers have warned of the deterioration of their working conditions.

The father wanted in the Aube has been arrested and placed in police custody. A call for witnesses was launched yesterday to find the 46-year-old man, who is suspected of having injured his 2 children and his former companion with an axe, before having tried to burn down their house.

Patrick and Isabelle Balkany have been sentenced during an appeal trial for tax evasion: 4 and a half years in prison for the former mayor of Levallois-Perret and 3 and a half years for his wife. The Paris Court of Appeal has also sentenced them to a fine of €100,000 and 10 years of ineligibility to stand for public office. The couple was found guilty of having concealed €13 million in tax assets between 2007 and 2014.

Controversial reports continue around Noël Le Graët, the president of the French Football Federation. Revelations about him will be heard today as part of an audit launched by the government, in particular for accusations of sexist and sexual harassment.

And finally, Stromae, the Belgian singer is the big favourite for the 2023 Victoire de la Musique awards after being nominated in 4 categories. The ceremony is scheduled for February the 10th.