



## The News

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The government has been meeting with members of Les Republicains party in order to get an agreement ready for adopting the proposed new pension reforms. Yesterday, three of the party's elected officials met with Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne. Party chairperson Eric Ciotti said he was satisfied with the outcome of the meeting, which included a re-calculation of small pensions for nearly two million retirees.

Meanwhile, opposition to the pension reforms is brewing and demonstrations are planned for January 19<sup>th</sup>. The left-wing party leader of La France Insoumise, Jean-Luc Melenchon claims that the government would have no problem financing any pensions and that the whole scheme is a smoke-screen. Melenchon has also hinted that he would not be running for President for a fourth time in 2027.

With inflation still on the rise, there is a small bit of good news for savers who have taken out a livret A savings accounts. The Banque de France is due to announce today that the account's savings rate will rise to more than 3% compared to the current 2% rate.

A naturopath and his son were charged with manslaughter yesterday in Indre-et-Loire. Judicial proceedings were opened after the death of several people who took part in prolonged fasts, organized by Eric Gandon.

In Peru, the airport closest to the tourist hotspot Machu Picchu has been temporarily closed. The government made the decision due to the ongoing protests against the new president, Dina Boluarte.

And finally, the only daughter of Elvis Presley, Lisa Marie Presley has died at the age of 54. Lisa Marie suffered a fatal cardiac arrest. Earlier this week she had attended the Golden Globes awards ceremony to cheer on actor Austin Butler as he collected Best Actor for playing her father in the biopic, *Elvis*.