



## The News

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Emmanuel Macron has not ruled out delivering fighter aircraft to Ukraine but he says that the planes are not the priority deliverable. The president made a statement to the press after yesterday's special meeting of the European Council, dedicated to Ukraine. Macron has said that he is not ruling anything out but wants to prioritise delivering material that will be the most use to Ukraine and get there the fastest. In this case, France will continue to deliver Caesar guns to Ukraine. Macron said that he wants to help Ukraine in carrying out useful operations into the spring and summer while then being able to carry out diplomatic actions in parallel.

A body that was found near Brest yesterday is "in all likelihood" that of H el ena Cluyou. The 21-year-old nursing student had been missing since she went out to a nightclub on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Yesterday, the main suspect in her death died in hospital following a double suicide attempt.

The US has confirmed that the Chinese balloon shot down this week over the United States was "clearly" equipped with spy tools. The confirmation comes from Washington after analysis of images of the device. Beijing continues to claim that it was a weather balloon used for research purposes and that the decision to shoot it down has done great harm to US-China diplomatic relations.

And finally to football and the run of bad luck continues for Paris Saint Germain. Not only is Kylian Mbapp e out of action, but now Lionel Messi could also have to miss the first leg of the Champions League round of 16 against Bayern Munich on Tuesday. Messi sustained an injury to the hamstring during Wednesday's match against Marseille in the Coupe de France. Messi has already forfeited going to Monaco tomorrow in the Ligue 1. Here's hoping he feels better soon.