



The News

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The sirens went off in Kiev exactly one year ago today as Russia declared war on Ukraine. Last night, the UN General Assembly passed a resolution calling for Russia's immediate withdrawal and a "just and lasting peace". China and India abstained from the vote on this resolution. The United States announced that it will soon be taking further "considerable" sanctions against Russia. In France, a number of rallies will be held across the country today and tomorrow in support of Ukraine.

An appeal hearing will be held this morning in Paris in the case concerning Pierre Palmade. The comic actor may be placed in pre-trial detention at the request of the Public Prosecutor's Office of Melun. Pierre Palmade, who is facing charges for homicide and involuntary injuries, is currently under house arrest in the addiction wing of a hospital in Villejuif. He caused a car accident while under the influence of cocaine that left three people seriously injured on February 10. A pregnant woman lost her baby.

The government will be announcing plans today to get the country's rail network back on track. Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne will present a modernization plan that will involve 100 billion euros by 2040.

In Paris, the husband of Assia Matoug has been placed in police custody. The body of the 46-year-old woman was found dismembered in Paris's Parc de Buttes-Chaumont on February 13. Assia had been missing since January 31. Her husband took six days to report her disappearance to the police.

And finally to football, the Europa League adventure is now over for all French clubs. None of them managed to qualify for the round of 16 last night. Rennes and Monaco were taken out by Chakthior Donetsk and Bayer Leverkusen. Meanwhile Nantes lost 3-0 to Juventus