



## The News

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A 19-year-old man was killed in the Vosges after a tree fell due to storm Mathis. The victim was walking on a rest area, in Senones. The resuscitation attempt was not successful. Storm Mathis also caused damages in Indre, where firefighters intervened more than 50 times in Buzançais for falling trees and chimneys and roofs torn off of houses. However, only one department, the Pas-de-Calais, remains under orange weather alert for strong winds.

She demands the withdrawal of the pension reform altogether. Sophie Binet, new general secretary of the CGT announced this at the end of the union congress. Barely elected, she sets the tone: the meeting between the inter-union and the Prime Minister Wednesday at Matignon will be centered on the withdrawal of the reform, without that there will be no negotiation. Sophie Binet was until now Secretary General of the General Union of Engineers, Executives and Technicians. She succeeds Philippe Martinez.

At the same time, a hundred of complaints have been filed in Paris for arrests deemed arbitrary, on the sidelines of demonstrations against the pension reform. Twenty lawyers have filed complaints on behalf of their clients. They believe that these arrests aimed to break the social movement.

Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko calls for a truce between Russia and Ukraine. This ally of Vladimir Putin is campaigning for negotiations "without preconditions". Alexander Lukashenko also considers that Western support for the Ukraine risked provoking a nuclear war. The Kremlin remains self-assured and recalls that its military operation continues.

And then he held his first press conference. Hervé Renard, the new coach of the French women's soccer team has called back Wendie Renard, the captain of *les Bleues* who walked out a few weeks ago. Eugénie Le Sommer, absent for almost two years, is also back. The next opponents of *les Bleues* will be Colombia and Canada on April 7 and 11.