



## The News

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French pension reform is being talked about across European borders as President Macron was heckled yesterday in the Netherlands by activists. His speech on Europe at The Hague was interrupted when one of the demonstrators asked him: "Where was French democracy?" A banner which read "President of violence and hypocrisy" was also held up for a few moments.

Staying with news on pension reform, Elisabeth Borne is continuing with meetings on this topic today. Having met Marine Le Pen yesterday, the Prime Minister today meets with local elected officials at Matignon. The head of government is delaying while waiting for the decision of the Constitutional Council on Friday, who will have to decide whether to validate the bill. In the run-up to this decision, there will be a 12th day of protests which will be held tomorrow right across France.

Investigations continue in Marseille after the collapse of a building last weekend in the Rue de Tivoli, where two people are still missing. With regard to this investigation, the current hypothesis is that there was an explosion due to a gas leak. There has been a call for witnesses by the Marseille public prosecutor's office.

G rard Depardieu is once again in the headlines as 13 women accuse the actor of inappropriate sexual acts and remarks, according to an article by Mediapart. These actions were allegedly committed on film sets between 2004 and 2022, and involved actresses, make-up artists and film technicians. The actor denies these accusations although he does have a history of similar being made against him. He was indicted in 2020 for rape and sexual assault.

Strong winds are predicted as Storm Noa hits the French coast. Three d partements have been placed under an orange alert: La Manche, Seine-Maritime and Pas-de-Calais where gusts of more than 110 km/h are expected.

And finally, a pair of shoes worn by basketball star Michael Jordan during the 1998 NBA Finals with the Chicago Bulls, has broken records at auction. The pair of Air Jordan made \$2.2 million dollars yesterday.