



## The News

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The weekend of mobilization against the A69 motorway between Toulouse and Castres is preparing. Thousands of people are converging in the Tarn to protest against the construction of this future highway. The police are already deployed in large numbers. A demonstration is planned for tomorrow afternoon. According to the organizers, discussions with the Prefect of the Tarn are constructive and both are aiming for a gathering without incidents.

It will become faster to renew your identity card in France, according to Elisabeth Borne. The Prime Minister is currently in Indre for a visit on the theme of public services, with a new online appointment booking platform to obtain identity cards and passports. Today, the average time to obtain an ID is 66 days; the goal is to reach 30 days by the summer and 20 in the fall.

And Elisabeth Borne was welcomed by opponents of the pension reform. Same welcome for the Minister of Labor Olivier Dussopt in Saône-et-Loire. The LR Mayor of Chalon sur Saône, Gilles Platret, refuses to have lunch with the minister. He sent him a letter to denounce the pension reform which, according to him, “flouted all parliamentary rules”.

The French are crazy about the Livret A. Since the beginning of the year, nearly 20 billion euros have been deposited. We had not seen such an amount in the first quarter since 2009. The success of the Livret A account is mostly explained by the recent 3% rise in its rate.

Three police officers were taken into police custody in Paris. They are accused of injuring three teenagers on scooters during a chase last week. The 17-year-old female driver is in critical condition. The families have filed a complaint for attempted murder. Minister of the Interior Gérald Darmanin asked the prefect to suspend the agents involved.

And then in tennis, 5 weeks from Roland Garros, we know what's new for the 2023 edition: The night session will be half an hour earlier and start at 8:30 p.m. And a tribute to Yannick Noah is planned for the 40th anniversary of his victory in the Parisian Grand Slam.