



The News

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France and Italy are engaged in somewhat of a diplomatic tussle right now, with Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni cancelling her trip to Paris yesterday. Ms Meloni pulled the visit from her diary due to “unacceptable” comments from France’s Minister of the Interior. Gérald Darmanin claimed that Giorgia Meloni was “unable to address the migration problems” in her own country. The French diplomatic service has expressed its hopes the visit can be rescheduled quickly.

Two billion euros is going to be put towards encouraging the French public to get around on bicycles. Today, Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne will outline her plans for more people to get on their bikes. The sum will mainly be going towards more and better bike paths across the country over the next four years.

The National Financial Prosecutor's Office is opening a judicial investigation into what has been dubbed the “Marianne Fund” case. The case gets its name from the fund set up by the former Minister Delegate for Citizenship, Marlène Schiappa in 2021. Its aim was to raise money to tackle separatism in the wake of the murder of teacher Samuel Paty. However, this fund is now in the spotlight due to allegations of embezzlement of public funds, breach of trust and illegal taking of interests.

A 25-year-old gendarme died by suicide in the Cher last night. The non-commissioned officer used her service weapon in her accommodation, the barracks of Saint-Amand-Montrond. The Public Prosecutor's Office in Bourges says that there is no evidence that the National Gendarmerie has anything to do with the suicide. An investigation has been opened.

Serbia has suffered its second shooting in two days. After the shooting in a school in Belgrade on Wednesday, yesterday a man opened fire on a group of people, killing eight of them before he got away in a car. The police are looking for the suspect.

And finally, US rap legend 50 cent has announced a world tour to celebrate the 20th anniversary of his classic album “Get Rich or Die Tryin”. The French leg of 50 cent’s tour will be coming this autumn, with shows in Nice Strasbourg and Nantes as well as at the La Defense Arena in Paris on November 3rd.