



## The News

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There will be tougher sanctions on anyone who attacks an elected official in the wake of the mayor of St Brévin les Pins stepping down due to an attack. The Minister of Territorial Communities, Dominique Fort met with the Prime Minister and the resigning mayor to discuss new measures that can be integrated into a new bill on justice. Any attack on an elected official could be punishable by 7 years in prison instead of the current 3.

Elisabeth Borne has snapped back at the bill being brought forward to repeal the pension reform. The Prime Minister has called the bill from the LIOT group “irresponsible” as well as unconstitutional. The country’s unions have got behind the bill to withdraw pension reform which will be brought before the Assemblée Nationale on June 8<sup>th</sup>, just two days after the 14<sup>th</sup> day of mobilisation against the reform is scheduled.

The Ministry of Education has signed a protocol with private Catholic schools to increase the number of scholarship pupils in a bid for a more diverse experience at school. The objective is to double the number of scholarship pupils over the next five years. The figure currently stands at 12% of all pupils.

There has been more bombing in Ukraine this morning in Kyiv as well as several other regions of the country. In central Ukraine, the army is reporting cruise missile attacks.

And finally to football and in the end it is Manchester City who will be joining Inter Milan in Istanbul on June 10<sup>th</sup> for the final of the Champions League. Manchester City won the second leg of their semi-final against Real Madrid 4-0 last night, bringing the score of the two matches to 5-1.