



## The News

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The leaders of the G7 have gathered in Japan until Sunday. On the agenda in Hiroshima are relations with China after whispers of economic blackmail from Beijing and the war in Ukraine. The European Union and the United Kingdom have announced new sanctions against the Russian trade of precious stones.

A tsunami alert has been triggered in New Caledonia. A tidal wave could be on its way after a powerful earthquake was detected this morning in the Pacific off the coast of the French archipelago. The tremor had a magnitude of 7.7.

In Rennes, a 48-year-old woman has been placed under judicial supervision with her trial due next October. The mother had hidden the existence of her 14-year-old son since birth by keeping him confined at home. Last summer, the suspect had to go to the emergency room with her son as he was suffering from discomfort. Doctors discovered that the teenager weighed only 25 kilograms.

The small village of Villegongi in Indre is gearing up to be shaken by the rhythm of Teknival this weekend. More than fifteen thousand festival-goers will be present for the techno music gathering and the prefecture says up to 30,000 people could show up over the course of the weekend. Teknival is completely illegal and banned by the authorities. 200 gendarmes have been deployed.

And finally, a word on Harrison Ford at the Cannes Film Festival last night. The 80-year-old American actor said he was "deeply touched" to receive a surprise honorary palme d'or, before the preview screening of "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny". The fifth instalment in the saga will be released in theatres on June 28<sup>th</sup>.