



## The News

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"An attack that destroys us all", says François Braun the Minister of Health, as he reacted this afternoon at the National Assembly after the death of a 38-year-old nurse who was stabbed yesterday at the University Hospital of Reims. The alleged attacker is a 59-year-old man with a psychiatric history. During his police custody, he repeatedly told the police that he was angry with the hospital environment.

Health professionals are more and more victims of violence. Attacks against doctors increased by nearly 23% in 2022 compared to 2021 and more than 1,200 incidents were recorded last year in France. A level never seen in 20 years according to a report published by the National Council of the Order of Physicians. General practitioners are on the front line in the face of this violence. They represent 71% of the victims.

The South-West is once again victim of the bird flu. Since the beginning of May, more than 900,000 ducks and chickens have had to be slaughtered. About fifty outbreaks have been identified in the Gers department alone.

And at Disneyland Paris, more than 500 employees went on strike this morning. They employees of the amusement park are mobilized to demand better working conditions and higher wages.

In Italy, the government announces emergency aid of more than two billion euros for Emilia-Romagna. The region has been hard hit by unprecedented floods which have left 14 dead and significant material damage. Six months of rain fell in just 36 hours last week, which notably devastated thousands of hectares of agricultural land. More than 600 roads were still closed yesterday.

And then cinema with one of the most anticipated films at Cannes: "Asteroid City" will be presented tonight at the festival on the Croisette by director Wes Anderson. The feature film with Scarlett Johansson and Tom Hanks in the cast, evokes the climate issue in a humorous tone. It will be released in theaters on June 21.