



## The News

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A minute's silence will be observed at midday today in all hospitals in France. This is in tribute to Carène Mézino, the 38-year-old nurse who succumbed to her injuries after being stabbed on Monday at the CHU in Reims. The 59-year-old suspected of attacking her has a history of mental illness. A court hearing was due to have been held on Friday to rule on whether or not the individual was criminally responsible for another stabbing in 2017. Four other people were injured in this particular incident.

A six-year-old girl was fatally hit by a car last night in Trappes in the Yvelines. The driver – a woman in her twenties – was driving under the influence of drugs. She was arrested near the scene of the accident and an investigation has been opened.

There are measures being put into place to better protect children on social networks. After an initial session at the National Assembly, the Senate voted yesterday evening after the first reading of a bill to oblige TikTok and Snapchat to verify the age of users and to obtain parental consent for young people under the age of 15. Educational and scientific sites are not included. MPs and Senators must now agree on the full and final version of the bill.

Marine Le Pen will be facing questions this afternoon at the National Assembly. She will be speaking to a parliamentary commission as part of an enquiry into foreign interference. This relates to the Russian loan which was taken out in 2014 by the National Front Party.

In the United States, the man considered to be Donald Trump's main rival in the race for the Republican presidential nomination will announce his candidacy tonight. Ron DeSantis, the conservative governor in Florida is nevertheless way behind in the polls compared to the former American president.

And finally, the decision was already on the cards – French Netflix users and those from a hundred other countries will now have to pay extra if they want to share their access code with people who are not members of their household. A supplement of €6 per month will be added to subscribers' bills. The streaming platform hopes to diversify its income after losing market share in 2022.