



The News

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The Prime Minister will be presenting a series of measures to tackle the housing crisis today. Elisabeth Borne has based the government's plan on the report delivered a month ago by the special council for housing. Measures are expected to include an extension of the zero-rate loan until 2027, although this may be reserved for new collective housing in areas where accommodation is scarce. The Pinel scheme for investing in new builds has been deemed ineffective. Measures may also cover social housing.

Emmanuel MACRON will be visiting Mont Saint Michel today to celebrate the millennium of the ancient abbey. Then, tomorrow the President will be bound for Calvados to commemorate of the 79th anniversary of the Allied beach landings.

Tomorrow will see further strike action against the government's pension reform, with between 400 and 600,000 people expected to take to the streets. This time around, aviation will be particularly affected with a third of flights cancelled at Orly airport. The SNCF has announced only slight disruptions to the country's train running times.

Three men are on trial today in Amiens for assaulting the great-nephew of Brigitte Macron. The attack on the First Lady's relative was apparently politically motivated by the government's pension reform. The three individuals aged from 20 to 34 beat up Jean Trogneux outside of the family business chocolate shop. Mr Trogneux was so badly injured he could not work for 4 days.

To football now and yesterday Karim Benzema announced that after fourteen seasons, he will be leaving Real Madrid. According to some media sources, Benzema may pursue a career in Saudi Arabia. And finally, Zlatan Ibrahimovic has announced that he is retiring. The star striker of AC Milan and former star of PSG has only managed four matches this season, as he has been plagued by injuries.