



## The News

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The government's Rurality Plan aims to improve the lives of the 40% of French people who live in rural areas. Prime Minister Elizabeth Borne, traveling to La Vienne today, is scheduled to announce new measures. Included is 12 million euros that will be invested to encourage the creation of rural businesses, and 90 million to promote mobility over three years. This plan also provides for the creation of 100 medical buses for areas in need of caregivers.

The penalties against squatters have become stricter. Parliament definitively adopted the Kasbarian bill yesterday. This text triples the penalties incurred by squatters, up to 3 years in prison and a fine of 45,000 euros. The text also speeds up procedures in the event of unpaid rent.

The alleged assailant of the knife attack in Annecy has been transferred to a psychiatric hospital. This Syrian refugee is accused of having stabbed two adults and four children in a park a week ago. He had already been placed in an emergency protection cell to prevent a possible suicide.

In the rest of the news, an earthquake of magnitude 6.2 in the Philippines, according to a report from the United States Geological Survey. The earth shook off the town of Calatagan, near the capital Manila at 10:19 a.m. local time, 4:19 a.m. French time. No damage has been reported for the moment.

Pollution alerts have been triggered in several French departments, and ozone pollution in the Nord and Pas de Calais. Restrictions have been extended until tonight. Motorists must lower their speed to 110 km/h instead of 130 on highways. In Rouen, public transport is free today.