



## The News

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The French government has a new objective to get 800,000 people off the streets in the coming 10 years. The Minister Delegate for the City, Olivier Klein will today present a new housing plan in which €500 million will be made available to finance 100,000 new council houses. According to the latest report from the Abbé Pierre Foundation published in February, France has more than 4 million people who live in sub-standard housing.

Jean-Marc Raïzère is back in the appeal court, appearing today in Colmar for the killing of Sophie Le Tann, the young student who was murdered in September 2018 near Strasbourg. Jean-Marc Raïzère has denied any premeditation. After the first judgement, the defendant was sentenced to life imprisonment.

There has been a strong gesture from the mayor of Lauriss in the Vaucluse where André Rousset and his entire team resigned after an attack on an MP last week. He was threatened and pushed against the wall by a disgruntled resident after thunderstorms hit his house.

There was a collision last night in the Vosges at a level crossing when a TER and a convoy of wind turbines collided about thirty kilometres from Epinal. Thirteen people ended up suffering minor injuries and an investigation is being opened to find out the circumstances of the accident.

The Courtepaille brand will find out its fate today when the Nanterre commercial court will rule on the takeover offer filed by the La Boucherie group. It is thought that 130 restaurants will be closed down, resulting in the loss of 1,500 jobs.

Elon Musk promises to respect European regulations on digital services. The Twitter boss was interviewed last night on France 2, where he indicated that the social network will comply with the law which requires the removal of any illegal content. This bill, which comes into force on August the 25<sup>th</sup>, provides for non-compliance with fines of up to 6% of global turnover.

And finally, 7,200 places for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games will be reserved for young people who are under child protection measures. An announcement to this effect was released last night by the Secretary of State, Charlotte Caubel. The tickets will be distributed by more than 160 associations throughout France.