



## The News

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Last minute information: A gas explosion occurred in the heart of Paris, just a few minutes ago in the Val de Grace in the 5th arrondissement. Several buildings are on fire. Emergency services are on site. We do not have further information for the time being.

In the rest of the news: As hours go by, concern continues to grow. Off the North American coast, the submarine Titan, which has gone to explore the wreck of the Titanic, has still not been found after going missing Sunday evening. Inside, the five crew members will no longer have oxygen in 24 hours. This race against the clock may change thanks to the help of the French navy which is sending on site a very sophisticated research robot.

And the research has taken another turn in recent hours after the detection of regular noises in the ocean. So far, it is impossible to know if they are coming from the submarine.

The threat had been mentioned for several months. The Council of Ministers finally acted today on the process of dissolving the collective *Soulèvements de la Terre*. The environmental movement had been in the sights of the executive since the violence committed during the demonstrations against the project of mega basins in Sainte Soline. it was last March in Deux Sèvres.

And then a large part of France is once again threatened by storms. 19 departments are placed under orange alert this evening. The alert extends from Haute Garonne to the Ardennes via Loiret and Corrèze.