



The News

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An investigation has been opened following the death of a 27-year-old man in Marseilles. During the course of Saturday night, it has been reported that he received a fatal Flash-Ball blow to his throat while on the sidelines of rioting in the city. It is not yet known whether the victim had been participating in the violence or not. According to prosecuting lawyers, it was this violent act that led to his death. The judicial police and the IGPN, the General Inspectorate of the National Police, have been summoned to answer questions around this incident.

The family of Nahel, the young man shot dead by police in Nanterre, have filed an official complaint over a crowdfunding page opened to support the family of the police officer who shot the teenager last week. In a single week, more than €1.6 million has been raised and this initiative has stirred up heated debate. The page has now been closed down.

President Macron has declared that it is now the time for reconstruction. Yesterday, the head of state met with more than 200 mayors from towns affected by the violence. He has announced the implementation of an emergency law to accelerate the reconstruction of numerous infrastructures destroyed during the past week of violent rioting.

The man-hunt for the escaped prisoner which has been underway over the past 2 weeks in the Pays de la Loire, is over. The 42-year-old man was arrested yesterday near Angers and placed in pre-trial detention. He is suspected of having killed two people during his escape.

In football news, there will be a new trainer starting his tenure at Paris Saint Germain today. Luis Enrique, the former Barcelona coach, will be officially appointed by the club as being announced at a press conference later in the day.

And finally to cycling and another stage victory for the Belgian Jasper Philippsen in the Tour de France, where he won in the sprint yesterday at the end of the 4th stage. In the overall classification, there has been no change. The British cyclist, Adam Yates, remains in the yellow jersey for a fourth day in a row, while Frenchman Victor Lafay remains in 4th place. Today, the peloton tackles the Pyrenees: 162 km between Pau and Laruns.