



## The News

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Eastern France has been hit by thunderstorms with five départements on red alert last night. Winds reached more than 100 km/h in Alsace, Burgundy and Franche-Comté while the Auvergne had hailstones the size of petanque balls. In Dijon, the ceiling of a supermarket collapsed and thousands of homes were without electricity last night in the Haut-Rhin.

There is still no trace of little Emile in the Alpes-de-Haute-Provence. No one has seen the two-and-a-half-year-old since Saturday and searches are yet to find anything. Last night, the public prosecutor for Digne-les-Bains stated that if Emile was still outdoors then by now he was likely in a life-threatening condition.

Elisabeth Borne is going to try to draw the line under the government's pension reform this morning. The Prime Minister is meeting with unions and employers at 10 am for the first time in nearly two months. She will discuss with social partners new commitments for life at work. Included in the 1000 proposals put forward by the union CGT is a monthly minimum wage of 2,000 euros.

The bill on Full Employment was widely adopted yesterday evening by the Senate. The bill sets out to change the current jobseeker support service Pole Emploi into France Travail, as well as to reduce France's unemployment rate to 5% by the end of this government's five-year term.

And finally to cycling and yesterday saw the first win in the Tour de France for a Spanish rider in five years. Pello Bilbao took the 10th stage yesterday in Issoire. The yellow jersey remains on the shoulders of Danish rider, Jonas Vingegard. Today's 11th stage covers the 180 km between Clermont-Ferrand and Moulins.