



## The News

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The heat wave persists in the south of France. Nine departments will still be under orange alert tomorrow, around the Mediterranean, from the Alpes de Haute Provence to Hérault as well as in the two Corsican departments. Temperatures will remain high tonight, with 26 degrees in Toulon and 24 in Montpellier. This Thursday, even if the maximum will be down, temperatures will remain hot, with 35 to 37 degrees expected in the Bouches-du-Rhône, Alpes-Maritimes and the Corsican departments and up to 40 locally in the Var.

More broadly, the northern hemisphere is suffocating under the heat. Hundreds of firefighters from all over Europe are sent to help with the fires in Greece. And authorities fear new outbreaks of fire as highs of 44 degrees are predicted for tomorrow.

It had caused controversy. An investigation is opened concerning the money raised to support the family of the policeman who shot Nahel. The kitty was initiated by far-right Jean Messiha and raised more than 1.6 million euros. Nahel's family had filed a complaint for fraudulent maneuvers and lies aimed at deceiving donors.

Ukraine is asking the UN to ensure the security of its exports from Russia, as Moscow has terminated the agreement on Ukrainian grain deliveries. Kiev proposes to create international military patrols mandated by the UN to ensure the security of its exports through the Black Sea. However, Russia says it will consider ships heading for Ukraine as potential military vessels and the countries involved as parties in the conflict.

In soccer, a surprise announcement came from Lorient who is recruiting Benjamin Mendy, a few days after being found not guilty of rape and attempted rape. The French international has found a way to relaunch his career. He has not played since August 15, 2021 and Benjamin Mendy has signed up with FC Lorient for two seasons.