



## The News

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The justice authorities are the sole entity that can decide on whether an individual is placed in pre-trial detention or not. This reminder comes from the Superior Council of the Judiciary in the wake of controversy over the incarceration of a police officer in Marseille. The officer is suspected of assaulting a 21-year-old male during the recent riots.

Emmanuel Macron also spoke on the issue today during an interview on the lunch time news on channels TF1 and France 2. The President, who is currently in New Caledonia, issued the reminder that no one is above the law. He did not make any comment on the remarks from the chief of the national police published in daily paper *Le Parisien* urging for the release of the officer in question.

And four days after the cabinet reshuffle, Emmanuel Macron also used today's lunchtime interview to broach the subject of keeping Elisabeth Borne as Prime Minister. Macron said the decision was based on "trust, continuity and effectiveness" as part of the pledge from the government to turn France around in the space of 100 days.

The Prime Minister of Greece, Kyriakos Mitsotakis has described his country as being "at war" with forest fires. Greece has had dozens of wildfires break out over the past week, with thousands of tourists evacuated from the islands of Rhodes and Corfu. The French Ministry of Foreign Affairs said today that it intended to facilitate the departure of French nationals from Greece and made a hotline number available.

15 people have been killed and 26 have been injured in wildfires in northern Algeria, the country's Ministry of the Interior announced today. A total of 97 fires are underway in three regions. 1,500 people have been evacuated.

And finally, to cycling and the women's Tour de France. German rider Liane Lippert took the second stage today. Lotte Kopecky came in second and remains in the yellow jersey. Tomorrow's third stage will cover the 147.2 kilometres between Collonges-la-Rouge and Montignac-Lascaux in the Dordogne.