



## The News

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Two people have died and five were injured and are in critical condition following a road accident between a bus and a car, this morning in the Yvelines, between Mézières-sur-Seine and Mantes-la-Ville. The bus ended up in a ditch in order to avoid the car which was driving in the wrong direction. The driver was arrested. Seriously injured, his police custody was lifted for health reasons. Blood alcohol analyzes will be carried out.

The police unions are satisfied with their meeting with the Minister of the Interior last night. The meeting took place as many agents protest the placement in pre-trial detention of one of their colleagues from Marseille, accused of violence. According to union representatives, Gérald Darmanin has undertaken to lead reflection on the provisional detention of police officers. The minister asks the agents to return to work.

Just because it's the holidays does not mean you should not dress appropriately. In La Grande-Motte, going for a walk bare-chested is now punishable by a fine of 150 euros. The town of Hérault has almost quadrupled the original amount of the fine. It must be said that every summer up to 1,500 people are subject to a warning. Posters will be set up in the city to remind vacationers of this rule.

And the prefect of Nouvelle Aquitaine calls for caution, as the maximum alert has been issued for the *baines* whose strong currents can be very dangerous for swimmers and cause drowning. Swimming is strongly discouraged until Sunday.

Dutch authorities remain under alert, as a cargo ship is on fire off the coast of the Netherlands. The fire has lost intensity but the fear of seeing the ship sink remains, which would cause an environmental disaster. Of the 23 crew members evacuated, one sailor has died and several others were injured. The causes of the fire are still unknown.

And then many people will be on the roads this weekend. Difficulties begin today, with traffic classified as red on the western half in the direction of departures and orange elsewhere. Tomorrow the entirety of the country will be red for departures.