



## The News

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Four départements in the North-West have been placed on amber alert for high waves and flooding, La Manche, Ille-et-Vilaine, Côtes d'Armor and Finistère, with gale winds in regions near the Channel. Winds are forecast to reach 80 km/h inland and up to 110 km/h near the coast with waves of up to 6 to 8 metres.

An evacuation operation is in progress in Niger as France is repatriating its nationals a week after the coup d'etat. A first plane with 262 people on board landed last night at Charles de Gaulle airport. In total nearly 600 French people want to leave Niger in the midst of tensions in the capital of Niamey.

And at the same time, ECOWAS will be meeting from today until Friday in Abuja, Nigeria. The Chiefs of Staff of West African countries will discuss the coup d'etat in Niger. An ultimatum has already been sent to the soldiers involved with the threat of the use of force if ousted president Mohamed Bazoum is not restored to his usual functions within a week.

It's a date that keeps coming earlier and earlier with each passing year. Today is Earth Overshoot Day. This means that us humans have already consumed all the resources the planet manages to generate to last the year. The date is calculated by the NGO Global Footprint Network, which warns about our consumption patterns and our ecological footprint.

And finally a word on the Women's World Cup. Les Bleues play Panama this afternoon for the third and final group match. The French team have to win this match to secure a place in the next round.