



## The News

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Storm Patricia has hit the west of the country, with wind speeds hitting 80 to 110 km an hour in Normandy and Brittany. Meanwhile, Finistère has been on amber weather alert for waves and flooding yesterday. A 57-year-old was found dead after swimming off the Breton island of Ouessant. Earlier in the afternoon, a 10-year-old boy was seriously injured after a tree fell on him in Charente-Maritime while he was cycling. He was taken to hospital in Poitiers where he is in a life-threatening condition.

The court of appeal in Aix-en-Provence will decide today on whether the police officer who is in custody will remain in pre-trial detention. The officer is suspected of shooting a 22-year-old man called Hedi in the head during the recent rioting. Hedi had to have part of his skull amputated. Last week, the general prosecutor's office requested that the police officer be kept in custody.

Emmanuel Macron has ruled out cutting off family allowance payments to the families of rioters. The President spoke to Figaro Magazine on the issue, pointing to a lack of integration as a key reason for the riots across the country last month.

France is continuing its evacuation operation in Niger. Eight days after the military coup a total of 736 people, including 498 French people have left the country since Tuesday, according to information from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Yesterday, a fifth plane landed in Niamey to evacuate the last of the French nationals. The head of the military junta, which has taken power, said that French people "have no objective reason to leave Niger".

And finally to basketball, the French team continue the good start to their preparations for the World Cup. France won a friendly match against Montenegro last night with a final score of 80-69, a good omen with three weeks to go before the World Cup.