



## The News

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Five officers from the RAID, the anti-terrorist unit of the French police have been placed in custody on suspicion of being involved in the death of Mohamed. 27-year-old Mohamed died in early July during one of the riots that had broken out on a housing estate in Marseille. He had been hit by a flashball and the autopsy confirmed this as the cause of death. Other RAID officers will be questioned today by the IGPN, the police of the police.

The Minister of the Interior has requested the dissolution of Civitas, a far-right fundamentalist Catholic group. The decision comes from Gérald Darmanin after anti-globalisation remarks from Pierre Hillard, an essayist and member of Civitas, were deemed anti-Semitic. The remarks came during a summer school course run by the group.

The Conseil d'Etat will be considering the summary proceedings filed by the group Earth Uprisings or Soulèvements de la Terre against their dissolution. Gérald Darmanin requested the dissolution of the environmental collective in June, pointing to it as being behind violent actions that took place during demonstrations against mega-basins in Sainte-Soline.

July was the hottest month ever recorded on Earth. The EU observation programme Copernicus has reported average temperatures worldwide of 16.95 degrees. The report, released this morning, shows an increase of 0.33 degrees compared to the record-beating July of 2019 record. Last month saw heat waves and wildfires around the world, including in the United States, Greece and Spain

And finally, in the Women's World Cup, defeat has to be off the cards this afternoon as France take on Morocco in the Round of 16. If France win, they will face host country Australia in the quarter finals. France-Morocco kicks off at 1 pm.