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"A non-existent truth", these were the words of the public prosecutor in Sarreguemines when explaining that no traces of torture had been detected on the woman found in an apartment in Forbach. The 53-year-old German woman accused her husband of kidnapping and torturing her for almost 12 years. The man in question, who had initially been placed in police custody, was released.

Three police officers from the Raid unit in Marseille have been kept in police custody while two others were free to go. The officers from the anti-terrorist unit were questioned yesterday by the IGPN, or the the police of the police. They had been suspected of being involved in the death of Mohamed, a 27-year-old man who was killed after being shot with a flashball shooting during the riots in early July.

The Conseil d'Etat will decide on the future of the environmental collective, Earth Uprisings or the Soulèvements de la Terre by the end of the week. Yesterday, the country's highest administrative court considered the summary proceedings filed by the Soulèvements de la Terre to challenge the government decision taken in June requesting the dissolution of the group. Soulèvements de la Terre was considered responsible for violent actions during demonstrations against the mega-basins in Sainte-Soline.

80,000 homes were without electricity yesterday in Occitania. The situation returned to normal in the evening, although many homes in Aveyron and Lot were without power for several hours. A fire broke out in a substation in the Aveyron town of Aubin, five staff present at the scene sustained mild injuries.

And finally, in a bid to combat climate change, eight South American countries have decided to create an alliance to fight deforestation in the Amazon. The decision was made last night during the opening of a summit dedicated to protecting the forest, in Belém in Brazil. The countries want to prevent the Amazon from reaching the point of no return, or in other words that the forest would emit more carbon dioxide than it absorbs.