



The News

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There have been strong reactions from all sides after the announcement of the ban on the abaya in schools by Gabriel Attal last night. Sandrine Rousseau points the finger at social control on the bodies of women and girls, and Gabriel Attal in return has applauded Eric Ciotti and the right-wing reaction who have welcomed the minister's decision.

And in another announcement relating to schools, the baccalaureate specialty exams will no longer be held in March as was the case last year, and will now be in June. This decision was motivated by the absenteeism observed in classes during the third quarter of the academic year. The Minister of Education also announced yesterday that there will be salary increases for teachers from September, and the new calendar will be officially announced by Gabriel Attal this morning during his press conference on the return to school after the summer break.

Also in the news, the orange severe weather warning concerning thunderstorms has been lifted in the Alpes Maritimes. However, it is still in place across all of Corsica as advised by Météo France today, and which will be in force until the middle of afternoon. Strong waves are expected around the Corsican coastline during the afternoon, with gusts of wind around 70 kilometres per hour.

In updated news in the case of the minibus accident in the Lot-et-Garonne, the driver of the damaged minibus was indicted for manslaughter and involuntary injury. The accident resulted in the death of a 12-year-old child and four teenagers are still in hospital due to their injuries.

And finally to sports and the excitement building around the Rugby World Cup. The French XV has ended its preparation in style after its victory yesterday afternoon against Australia with a win of 41 to 17 by Fabien Galthié's team at the Stade de France. The next match will be for the opening of the World Cup against the All Blacks, on September 8th.