



## The News

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The rugby world cup gets underway today! France's first XV got in a final training session last night at the Stade de France ahead of their match later today against the All Blacks. With France playing host to the tournament, today the public transport in the Paris region is stepping up to handle the extra fans. More trains will be running on the RER B and D lines.

The family of the teenager who was seriously injured in Elancourt in Yvelines after colliding with a police vehicle have filed a complaint against the police for attempted intentional homicide. The 16-year-old who was driving a scooter when he hit a police vehicle is now brain dead. The victim's father's lawyer rejects the suggestion that it was an accident. The police officers who ordered the boy to stop who have now left police custody claim it was his refusal to do so that caused the tragedy. Two investigations are open.

The ban on the Muslim traditional dress, the abaya, in schools will be maintained after the council of state rejected the summary judgement from the association Action Droits des Musulmans. The council of state ruled that the ban does not seriously undermine fundamental freedoms. The Minister for Education, Gabriel Attal said of the news, "This is an important decision for the school of the Republic."

14 départements have been placed on orange weather alert for heatwaves this Friday. In Centre-Val de Loire and Île-de-France all départements are on alert and this afternoon temperatures are set to skyrocket to between 32 and 36 degrees, with peaks at 37. The hot spell may continue for several more days.

And finally to football and the French team continued their flawless performance last night with a 2-0 win against Ireland in the qualifiers for Euro 2024. There were goals from Tchouaméni and Thuram. This is the fifth win in a row for the team managed by Didier Deschamps.