



## The News September 8<sup>th</sup> 2pm© by Noele Bouazouni-Prier

Only a few hours are left before the start of the Rugby World Cup in France.

Les Bleus will challenge New Zealand in the opening this evening. The team is currently at Rueil Malmaison before going into battle at the Stade de France.

France New Zealand begins at the Stade de France at 9:15 p.m. A match which will be preceded by the opening ceremony, with a show that will last around twenty minutes.

The father of a high school student wearing an abaya was placed in police custody. He allegedly threatened to kill the principal of a high school in Clermont-Ferrand. His daughter had refused to remove the traditional dress worn by certain Muslim students and now banned from schools. She was refused entrance into her establishment twice this week.

The INSEE is raising its growth forecasts for this year. French GDP should increase by 0.9% in 2023. This is more than the figures published last June which predicted 0.6%. The executive still forecasts a growth of 1%.

And then it's a first at this time of year:14 departments of Ile-de-France and Centre-Val de Loire are placed under orange heatwave alert. Temperatures will rise again this afternoon, with up to 37 degrees expected.