



## The News

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4 days after the earthquake which killed nearly 2,900 people in Morocco, the Red Cross is launching a call for donations. 100 million euros are needed to help and finance the relief operations. Moreover, the Mohammed V Foundation has set up a central depot in Marrakech to collect aid intended for victims of the earthquake.

In Libya, the figures continue to rise: 2,300 people are dead after the terrible floods which hit the east of the country on Sunday. 10,000 people are also missing. On site the situation is catastrophic with considerable damage in several towns. Roads are cut by landslides and buildings completely destroyed, which complicates the work of emergency services.

In the news in France, new excavations are underway in Haut Vernet, two months after the disappearance of Emile in this village of the Alpes-de-Haute-Provence. The gendarmes have been interested since yesterday evening in a concrete slab located at the top of the hamlet. The site had already been inspected at the very beginning of the investigation. The search was paused in August but will resume tomorrow.

The objective of Gérald Darmanin is to strengthen the fight against drug trafficking. The Minister of the Interior was in Nice today, where he announced the upcoming deployment of a new investigation brigade. It will be made up of judicial police officers who can be sent in the field for several weeks. The town of Alpes Maritimes will be the first to benefit from this system.

And good news for all the candidates: The driving theory test has become simpler from today. The new exam emphasizes signage and priority rules, with questions that are more accessible.

And then *Les Bleus* of Didier Deschamps are in Germany this evening for a friendly match in Dortmund against a selection in the middle of a crisis which has just let go of its coach. The game begins at 9pm.

And in rugby, 12 changes are made in the French XV which will face Uruguay on Thursday evening in Lille. This will be the 2nd match for Les Bleus in this World Cup. Anthony Jelou returns 6 months after his serious knee injury and the player from Toulouse will even be captain.