



## The News

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Eric Dupond-Moretti will be tried from November 6 to the 17 for illegal conflict of interests. The Minister of Justice will appear before the Court of Justice of the Republic. He is accused of having taken advantage of his position to settle scores with magistrates. Eric Dupond-Moretti has always contested the accusations and says he is serene.

Meanwhile two inmates from the prison of Fleury-Mérogis prison are still on the run. They escaped on Tuesday during a hike in the forest of Fontainebleau - an outing supervised by guards. One of the prisoners was sentenced for drug cases, the other for sexual assault. Search warrants have been launched and "all means are being deployed" to find them.

Emmanuel Macron will attend Pope Francis' mass next week in Marseille. The sovereign pontiff will be at the Vélodrome stadium on September 23. Despite some criticism from the opposition, the head of state's entourage believes that the separation between Church and State does not exclude maintaining relations with all religions.

And the European Central Bank increases its key rates for the tenth time in a row. An increase of 0.25 points. The deposit rate, which is the benchmark, rises to 4% - A level never reached since the launch of the single currency in 1999.

The state of emergency is declared in Italy, on the island of Lampedusa. More than 6,000 migrants have arrived on the island, while the capacity of the registration camp does not exceed 400 places. The Italian government assures that it will do everything necessary to help the inhabitants of Lampedusa and the migrants who continue to arrive on the island. Gérald Darmanin announced reinforcements at the Italian border.

The Rugby World Cup continues with the second match of the French team this evening. Les Bleus face Uruguay with the ambition of achieving another victory. For the Uruguayans this is their first match of the competition. Kick-off will be at 9 p.m., at the Pierre-Mauroy stadium in Lille.

And then a little later, at 9:15 p.m., the French volleyball players will play the semi-final of the European Championship against Italy. A clash between the two nations. The Italians will be able to count on the support of their public, since the game will be played in Rome.