



## The News

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It may not have been the most thrilling spectacle fans had ever seen but last night France won their match against Uruguay in the rugby world cup. With a final score of 27-12, this is France's second win in a row and means they regain the position of group leader. However, this match they did not secure the offensive bonus. France's next match is next Thursday against Namibia.

It was a disappointing result in volleyball, last night France lost against Italy in the semi-final of the European Championships. France were playing away in Rome and saw victory slip away in 3 sets to 0.

Two men will be tried from today in the Pau Assize Court. They are accused of assaulting a bus driver in Bayonne a little over three years ago. The 59-year-old driver died 5 days after the attack and had been immediately brain dead. The altercation had started because the two men did not have tickets for the bus and had refused to wear face masks. Now they face up to 30 years in prison.

Bruno Le Maire is setting out to save 16 billion euros in 2024. The Minister of the Economy claims that he has ways to reduce French debt. Most of the savings will come from the gradual lifting of the price shield on electricity bills, which stands to gain the state 10 billion euros. The government will present its budget for 2024 at the end of the month. French growth is less dynamic than forecast.

In Morocco, almost a week after the earthquake which left almost 3,000 dead, a rehousing program will be put in place. Moroccans who have lost their homes will be temporarily rehoused in structures designed to withstand the cold and bad weather. More than 50,000 buildings were damaged in the quake. The Moroccan state will also release emergency aid of more than 2,700 euros for households affected by the disaster.