



The News

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Faced with the topic of bullying in schools, Gabriel Attal is asking headteachers for "an electric shock at all levels". The Minister of Education launched an audit across all educational establishments after seeing a letter received by the parents of 15-year-old Nicholas who was a victim of school bullying and ended his life 2 weeks ago. The letter was sent last March by the Versailles education authority and showed it did not take his parents' reports of this bullying seriously. The findings of this audit on the management of bullying in schools are expected in around 4 weeks time.

A number of associations have criticised the financial support package presented by Elisabeth Borne yesterday to help citizens struggling to make ends meet. The Prime Minister revealed the outlines of her plan to fight poverty which included a financial boost for food aid associations and a return-to work-bonus by 2025. However, according to one such organisation – Alerte – these are insufficient in terms of the measures required. They have denounced the lack of aid for people who are the most financially vulnerable.

Gérald Darmanin has arrived in Italy. The Minister of the Interior is visiting Rome to discuss the migration crisis in Europe with his Italian counterpart. 11,000 migrants arrived in just one week on the Italian island of Lampedusa and French authorities now fear an influx at the Italian border.

It seems that 2027 is already in the back of her mind. Far-right politician, Marine Le Pen has clearly mentioned her intention to run for the presidential election for the 4th time. She was interviewed last night by TF1 about the possible candidacy of the president of the National Rally Party, Jordan Bardella, but she responded that she was the natural candidate for her party.

A case related to a fatal food poisoning will go to court. Two complaints have been filed by the relatives of a young woman who died of botulism after eating in a restaurant in Bordeaux. The 32-year-old victim died last week after eating contaminated sardines which had been incorrectly stored. To date, 15 other people have also reported being poisoned in this same restaurant.

And finally to football news, and the return of the Champions League this evening. PSG welcomes Borussia Dortmund for this first day of the group phase. Kick-off is at 9 o'clock.