



The News

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On his first visit to France since his coronation, King Charles III is expected in Paris today for a 3-day state visit. The British monarch will meet the President of the Republic, Emmanuel Macron, this afternoon and together they will rekindle the flame of the unknown soldier, before a meeting at the Elysée. For the occasion, the capital's security system has been reinforced: 8,000 police and gendarmes will be mobilized today alone.

A stance of being firm in the face of irregular immigration has been affirmed by Gerald Darmanin. France will not welcome migrants who come from the Italian island of Lampedusa. Speaking as a guest last night on the TF1 news, the Minister of the Interior declared that the country would help Italy to return the majority of people arriving on the island to their country of origin, with which there are good diplomatic relations. He did specify however, that France and European countries will welcome political refugees.

There is a critical situation in Nagorno-Karabakh in Azerbaijan yesterday after an offensive was launched on this area and an Armenian majority was claimed by Baku. The attack left 27 dead, including 2 civilians. France calls on Azerbaijan to "immediately" stop the offensive.

Returning to French news, with an extremely rare case. A 14-year-old schoolboy was arrested this Monday, while in the middle of a class by the authorities. He has been accused of transphobic harassment and death threats against another 15-year-old student who is in gender transition. The arrested student allegedly incited the schoolgirl to commit suicide on Instagram.

It's going to be difficult for people planning on buying an iPhone 15 in store on the day it's released. Staff working in Apple shops will be on strike this Friday and Saturday across France. The union is demanding a 7% wage increase which is far from the management's proposal which envisaged an increase of 4.5%, accompanied by an increase in ticket restaurant allocation.

And finally to football news. PSG is off to a perfect start to its Champions League season. The Parisians won at the Parc des Princes 2-0 last night against Borussia Dortmund. Goals came from Kylian Mbappé and Achraf Hakimi. RC Lens will return to the Champions League today, 21 years after its last match in the competition. They play Seville at 9 o'clock this evening.