



The News

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Emmanuel Macron yesterday announced a budget of €700 million for the creation of 13 metropolitan RERs after a meeting with the Ecological Planning Council. The Head of State is also focusing on the production of heat pumps: France will have to produce a million of them by the end of Macron's five-year term with an objective of tripling current manufacturing levels. He also reiterated the goal of at least one million electric cars being produced by 2027.

There has been a call for witnesses to try to find Lina, the 15-year-old teenager who has been missing since Saturday in Plaine, in the Bas-Rhin. She was supposed to take a train to meet her boyfriend in Strasbourg but never boarded. An official search was organized yesterday but police are not following a clear line of investigation at this time.

The trial of the Magnanville attack opened yesterday which goes back to June the 13th, 2016. The case is around a police officer and his partner who were murdered at their home in the Yvelines, in front of their 3-year-old son. A terrorist, Larossi Abballa, was killed during the assault and it is one of his friends, Mohamed Lamine Aberouz, who is on trial for complicity in terrorist assassinations. He faces life imprisonment if found guilty in the trial which will take place until October the 10th.

Even though autumn has officially just begun, a new heat wave is hitting France this coming week. While temperatures may start out cool in the morning, they increase as the day progresses to beyond seasonal norms - 30° could be reached in Bouches-du-Rhône in the next few days and could go on until the beginning of next week.

There are questions over who will be the next Marseille coach. Rumours suggest that it might be Christophe Galtier. The former PSG coach was contacted by the Marseille club which is currently in the midst of a crisis. For the moment, it is Jacques Abardonado who is standing in since the departure of Marcelino who left last week.

And remaining with football to round off the news, today will see the culmination of the 6th day of Ligue 1. Lille will host Reims this evening and kick-off is at 9 o'clock. The teams are close in the rankings: Lille is 10th while Reims is 12th.