



The News

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A giant in the world of French journalism has died. Jean-Pierre Elkabbach passed away yesterday at the age of 86. He was known for his incisive, sometimes tense interviews with numerous political figures and his career spanned the history of radio and television. From Antenne 2 to CNews, Mr Elkabbach worked as a journalist for almost 60 years, and has been praised by the entire political class for his work.

The subject of bedbugs has been brought up at the National Assembly and questioned yesterday by the opposition. Prime Minister, Elisabeth Borne has confirmed that the government is determined to act and amplify its action against this parasite which has invaded public places, and has been seen in recent weeks in schools, cinemas and even public transport. The Minister of Transport, Clément Beaune, will meet with businesses in the sector to discuss the subject and an inter-ministerial meeting will also take place on Friday, as announced by government spokesperson Olivier Véran.

France's support for Armenia has been re-confirmed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Catherine Colonna who arrived there yesterday. Armenia has had to welcome tens of thousands of people in recent days, who have fled the enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh which was attacked 2 weeks ago by Azerbaijan. The head of French diplomacy has announced that France would be delivering military equipment to the country.

A terrible tragedy took place last night in Italy. A bus accident in Venice left at least 21 dead, including 2 children when the bus fell from a bridge before catching fire. The initial investigation points to the driver becoming unwell while at the wheel.

It's already time to prepare for the coming Christmas holidays. This morning, SNCF is opening the sale of train tickets for the period from December the 10th to January the 9th. This deal includes the TGV, Inoui, Ouigo and Intercity trains.

And finally to football and scenes of jubilation last night in Lens who beat Arsenal 2 goals to 1 in the Champions League. This takes them to the top of Group B after 2 days. This evening, PSG goes up against Newcastle at 9 o'clock.