



## The News

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The fighting continues in southern Israel almost 48 hours after the Hamas attack. The provisional death toll is more than 1,100 dead on both sides, 700 Israelis and 400 in the Gaza Strip. The Hamas attack was largely condemned by members of the UN Security Council. France says it is actively trying to avoid fuelling tension in the region, according to Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna.

The Quai d'Orsay has confirmed that a French woman was among the victims. Seven other French nationals are still missing and a crisis unit has been set up. Demonstrations are planned today throughout the country to show solidarity with the Israeli people.

Around ten homes were targeted by explosions in Corsica yesterday evening, including several second homes and the former tax building of Ajaccio. For now, no casualties have been reported. An investigation has been opened for destruction by dangerous means and transport of explosives.

In Guadeloupe, schools are closed until further notice after an alert concerning water quality. Schools in Pointe-à-Pitre and Abymes will remain closed today. Last Friday, the joint management union of water issued an alert that the water was undrinkable due to suspected microbiological contamination, 100,000 are users affected.

And finally to football and day 8 of the Ligue 1. PSG beat Rennes last night 3-1, putting the Parisians back on the podium. Elsewhere, Lyon and Lorient drew 3-3. Marseille beat Le Havre 3-0. The match between Montpellier and Clermont had to be stopped because a firecracker was thrown towards the Clermont goalkeeper.