



## The News

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More than 20 arrests have been made since Saturday in France for anti-Semitic acts according to the Minister of the Interior. Gérald Darmanin was this morning in a Jewish school in Sarcelles with the company of the Minister of Education Gabriel Attal. 500 locations are now protected by 10,000 police officers and gendarmes. "It is important that all French people of Jewish faith know that they are protected", said Gérald Darmanin.

Meanwhile, at the request of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Air France will organize a special flight tomorrow afternoon to repatriate French nationals who want to leave the Israeli territory. After the Hamas attack, the most vulnerable people, such as unaccompanied minors and pregnant women are a priority.

Pope Francis calls for the immediate release of the hostages held by Hamas in Gaza. The sovereign pontiff says he is praying for the families. Dozens of people have been kidnapped since Saturday's massive attack. There are now 1,200 deaths reported and more than 2,700 injured.

Also in the news, after more than two weeks of hearing, the Special Court of Paris delivers today its verdict against Mohamed Lamine Aberouz. He is tried for complicity in the assassination of a couple of police officers at their home of Magnanville, in 2016. DNA of the accused was found on the victims' laptop. The prosecution requested life imprisonment, with a security sentence of 22 years.

Bernard Casoni will file a complaint for slanderous denunciation. The coach of the Orléans soccer team is accused of having made racist remarks towards some of his players. He is the subject of a preliminary investigation and has been suspended by his club. Bernard Casoni refutes these accusations of racism and says he wants to clear his honor.

And then it's a sign of the aging of the European population: According to the World Health Organization, next year, in Europe, there will be more people over 65 than under 15. The WHO calls for an improvement of measures for a good quality of life and health at an old age. The recommended measures include a balanced diet and regular physical activity.