



## The News

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The Gambetta high school in Arras was evacuated due to a bomb threat. Teachers and students were sheltered, and checks are underway. This comes three days after the death of a high school teacher killed in a knife attack. A day of tribute is also being organized today throughout France. A minute of silence will be observed in all schools at 2 p.m.

This day of tribute also comes 3 years to the day after the death of Samuel Paty. The teacher of history and geography was beheaded by an Islamist in front of his middle school in Conflans-St-Honorine, on October 16, 2020. The Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne will be this afternoon in the teacher's former school with the Minister of Education Gabriel Attal.

And Emmanuel Macron is currently chairing a security meeting along with several members of the government. New acts of violence are feared in France in response to the conflict between Israel and Hamas.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu denies any ceasefire agreement in the south of the Gaza Strip. A little earlier, a truce was announced in this Palestinian enclave to evacuate civilians before the major offensive that the Jewish state must carry out.

And then a lot of tears and sadness last night as more than 16 million viewers watched the defeat of the French XV in the Rugby World Cup. Les bleus were eliminated in the quarterfinals by South Africa 29 to 28.