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“Nothing can justify targeting civilians”. These were the words of Emmanuel Macron as he condemned the strike which hit a hospital in Gaza yesterday, killing at least 500 people. The President of the Republic did not point the finger at any one side, while Hamas has accused the Israeli army to be at the origin of this attack. For its part, the Israeli state has denied its involvement and attributed this strike to a failed rocket by a Palestinian Islamic organization. At the request of Russia and the United Arab Emirates, the UN Security Council will hold an emergency meeting today.

President Joe Biden is going to Israel today in order to provide his full support to Israel after the Hamas attack on October the 7th. He also wants to negotiate a humanitarian measure for the Gaza Strip, in order to evacuate innocent civilians.

In France, the alleged perpetrator of the knife attack in a high school in Arras, was charged yesterday evening and placed in pre-trial detention. Mohammed Mogouchkov is accused of having murdered teacher Dominique Bernard last Friday in the name of the Islamic State.

The investigation to find little Emile continues in the Alpes-de-Haute-Provence. The two-and-a-half-year-old boy has not been seen since July the 8th. A new search was carried out yesterday in a house in Haut-Vernet but resulted in no new leads.

A bill on the regulation and security within the digital space was adopted yesterday after a first reading by the National Assembly. The bill aims to better fight against cyber-harassment, internet scams, and the accessibility of pornographic sites for children under the age of 18.

In football news, the French team convincingly beat Scotland last night, winning 4 goals to 1 in a friendly match in Lille. Their next meeting will be November the 18th in Nice against Gibraltar in a play-off match for the Euros 2024.

And finally, local residents have been warned to be careful in the area around the Cévennes. The Ardèche, Gard and Hérault are placed under an orange alert for heavy rain and possible flooding which could last until Friday. Between 200 and 250 mm of rain is expected in the coming 24 hours.