



The News
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The debates are likely to be tense in the National Assembly. Elisabeth Borne will speak in a few moments to discuss the situation between Israel and Hamas. The group presidents will then respond to the Prime Minister while the tone has risen in recent days between the majority and *La France Insoumise*. The head of LFI Jean-Luc Mélenchon notably accused the president of the national assembly Yaël Braun- Pivet "to encourage the massacre in Tel-Aviv".

Emmanuel Macron will travel to Israel tomorrow. The Head of State's program will be detailed in the evening. We already know that he will meet Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Tel Aviv and will discuss the hostage situation. There are more than 200 hostages according to Israel. 7 French nationals also remain missing.

In the rest of the news in France, a man armed with a knife was arrested early in the afternoon in front of the Reims police station. The suspect who shouted Allah Akbar is a former "fiché S", who was tased by the police before being taken into custody.

He was traveling at 235km/h on a road limited at 110. A 36-year-old driver who had a probationary license was arrested on the A57 motorway in Cannet-des-Maures in the Var. He will be judged soon by the Draguignan judicial court for excessive speeding.

And the Pompidou Center in Paris is closed today because of a strike of its employees which started a week ago. They are asking for guarantees on the maintenance of their jobs while the museum must close for five years from 2025 due to major works.

And then kick-off of the biodiversity lottery. The new scratch game from *La Française des Jeux* is available from today for 3 euros. Part of the money collected will be invested in projects promoting the preservation or rehabilitation of wildlife and plant life. In total, around 20 sites have been selected, such as the wetlands surrounding the Mont-Saint-Michel or the mangroves of Mayotte and Martinique.