



The News

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Two French children have been killed in the Gaza Strip according to an announcement yesterday evening from the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Their 43-year-old mother was also reportedly injured. She has been the subject of an international arrest warrant since July 2016 for terrorist association.

Elsewhere in Gaza, communication and internet access have been cut again since this morning. Egypt is expected to open the Rafah crossing today to welcome 81 injured people from Palestinian territory onto its soil. 59 trucks loaded with humanitarian aid passed through yesterday.

In France, since the start of the Gaza/Israeli conflict, anti-Semitic acts have been on the rise with 857 incidents recorded in the past three weeks according to Gerald Darmanin. The Minister of the Interior was traveling yesterday evening to visit a Jewish cultural centre in the Paris region where 425 people were arrested. The minister calls for “the responsibility of digital platforms, which must regulate their content”. Mr Darmanin has also asked préfets to be vigilant around Christian places of worship on this All Saints’ Day.

In the rest of the news: ten years of imprisonment was the verdict given last night by a court in Paris for the friend of the jihadist who took part in the attack on the capital in 2018. He was found guilty of participation in a terrorist association. During the incident, an individual armed with a knife attacked passers-by, leaving one dead and four injured.

Several changes come into play today, the first day of November. One of which is having snow tyres or carrying snow chains in your vehicle. This is now compulsory until March the 31st for driving in mountainous areas. A total of 34 départements are implicated.

It is also today that around two million civil servants and certain military personnel receive an exceptional bonus. This bonus is between €300 and €800 for those earning less than €3,250 gross per month.

And finally, to women’s football and a draw last night for the French in the UEFA Women’s Nations League. The final score was 0-0 against Norway. However, the French team still retain their place as leader of the group, the only qualifier for the Final Four.