



The News

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Water levels continue to rise in the Pas-de-Calais and the département remains under a red alert by Météo France for a high risk of flooding after the recent battering by storms Ciaran and Domigos. The river Aa is running at exceptionally high levels and nearly 55 towns have been flooded or partially flooded throughout last night according to the préfecture. Schools remain closed today in around 30 towns in the département.

After having been postponed several times, the examination of the Immigration Bill began yesterday in the Senate. Gérald Darmanin defended the government's proposal which aims to expel "delinquent" foreigners as a priority and to review cases of foreign workers in sectors with a shortfall in skilled employees. The Minister of the Interior has tried to convince senators from the Republican Party, who hold the majority in the upper house, and who are threatening not to vote. Mr Darmanin has said that he was open to their proposals.

The trial of Eric Dupont-Moretti resumes this morning at the Court of Justice. The Minister of Justice has been in court since yesterday for allegations of illegal acquisition by undue influence. This case is a first for an active minister. Mr Dupont-Moretti has called this trial "an infamy".

Benjamin Netanyahu once again rejects the idea of a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip. The Israeli Prime Minister warns that this option will not be possible without the release of the hostages kidnapped by Hamas. He does, however, raise the possibility of "tactical pauses" to be able to evacuate civilians.

In football news, PSG travels to Italy this evening to face AC Milan in the 4th match of the group phase of the Champions League. In the first leg two weeks ago, the Parisian team won 3 goals to 0.

And finally, anticipation is mounting over who will win the most prestigious French literary award. The winner of the Goncourt Prize will be announced at around 12:45 today at the Drouant restaurant, in the Opéra district in Paris. The 4 finalists are Jean-Baptiste Andrea, Gaspard Kœnig, Éric Reinhardt and Neige Sinno.