



## The News

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133 people had to be evacuated from their homes yesterday in Pas de Calais due to ongoing heavy rain and flooding. The Red Cross has set up twelve temporary accommodation centres in the département. No injuries have been reported but firefighters had to attend around a hundred incidents. The département braced itself for up to 100mm of precipitation during the night. Schools in the area will remain closed until next week with school transport suspended in most of the Hauts de France.

Israel has agreed to daily breaks of 4-hours in the bombing of Gaza. The announcement came yesterday from the White House. The breaks will be scheduled three hours in advance. US President Joe Biden has said that there is “no possibility” of a ceasefire. Meanwhile, a billion euros has been pledged to the Gaza Strip from participants in the conference on the matter yesterday in Paris.

And finally, the 2024 budget has been adopted by the Assemblée Nationale. Last night, members of parliament rejected the motion of censure put forward by left wing party France Insoumise. The motion was tabled after Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne used article 49-3 of the constitution yet again in order to pass the expenditure part and the entire finance bill for the 2024 budget. The text will now go before the Senate.