



The News

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There will be a gradual return to normal for students in the Pas de Calais today, as schools are given the go-ahead to reopen. The announcement was made by the préfecture yesterday evening after the decision was taken in consultation with the departmental and regional council. However, certain establishments are still inaccessible and parents had to be informed by the national education services. Yesterday, Emmanuel Macron was on site to meet flood victims, emergency services and local elected officials, where he announced the creation of an emergency fund of €50 million.

In the Middle East, the situation still remains tense. Hamas said last night that the Israeli army was about to carry out a raid on the Al-Shifa hospital in northern Gaza. The establishment had already been affected by airstrikes at the beginning of the week. At the same time, the families of the hostages in Gaza left Tel Aviv for a five-day march to Jerusalem. They are demanding an agreement from Israel for their release.

Also in the news: the poverty rate is increasing in France. According to INSEE, it has increased by 0.9% to reach 14.5% of the population in 2021, a rise which can be explained in particular by the increase in inflation. Another factor in the high number of people living with financial difficulties is the non-renewal of Covid solidarity aid.

There is good news if you are used to using your restaurant vouchers to do your shopping as there will now be no change next year. Initial plans would have meant that from January 1st, it would no longer be possible to buy non-consumable products directly such as meat, rice, pasta or butter. Olivia Grégoire, the Minister of Commerce, announced last night on M6 that the French will be able to continue to buy these products in supermarkets with their restaurant vouchers.

And finally to sports news and football. On the first day of the Women's Champions League, there was great success last night for Olympique Lyonnais playing against Slavia Prague with a 9-0 final score. This evening PSG travels to Amsterdam to face Ajax - kick-off is at 9 o'clock. And lastly, Paris FC takes on Hacken.