



## The News

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50 hostages, held by Hamas will soon be released. An agreement was reached overnight with Israel in exchange for a truce for 4 days in the Gaza Strip. 8 French nationals may be among the hostages. The Minister of Foreign Affairs Catherine Colonna hopes that some of them will be released.

And today is a day of tribute today in Drôme, 4 days after the death of Thomas. The 16-year-old teenager was killed during a brawl which broke out this weekend in Crépol. A solemn march will be organized this afternoon in Romans sur Isère. It will depart at 1:30 p.m. from the high school Thomas attended and will end at the rugby stadium. As for the investigation, 9 people have been placed in police custody, including the author of the fatal stabbing.

The mayors of France will be received at the end of the day at the Elysée by Emmanuel Macron. This will be an opportunity for the Head of State to thank elected officials for their commitment in a very particular context, with the riots of last summer and the violence they suffer. The President, however, will not go today to the Expo Center for the 105th Congress of Mayors, due to a G20 summit planned by videoconference.

Farmers will be mobilized today, particularly in Toulouse and Le Mans to express their discontent and challenge the government. The sector has been under tension for several weeks due to late payments, an increase in charges and the multiplication of constraints.

In soccer, the French team will end the year with a tie. Against Greece, the final score was 2-2 for this last qualifying match for the 2024 Euro. The tricolors were already qualified for the competition which will take place next summer in Germany.

And then Pas de Calais is still under orange weather alert for flood risk. The department was hit hard by terrible flooding in recent days, but the dry and sunny weather forecast until Saturday should accelerate the decline in water levels.