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550 million euros is the estimated cost of the recent floods in Hauts-de-France, according to the Central Reinsurance Fund. Its general director speaks of an event that is "exceptional on a scale of the affected departments".

A solemn march was organized this afternoon in Romans-sur-Isère, in the Drôme to pay tribute to Thomas, the 16-year-old teenager stabbed and killed last weekend on the sidelines of a village festival in Crépol. 6,000 people marched to honor the memory of the teenager. Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne calls for restraint and decency regarding this tragedy.

Meanwhile, the investigation continues. Nine suspects were arrested and placed in police custody. They were arrested, for the most part, several hundred kilometers away from the Drôme, in Toulouse. Among those arrested, the alleged perpetrator of the fatal stabbing who is a 20-year-old man living in Romans-sur-Isère. The custody of the nine suspects can last up to 96 hours.

Emmanuel Macron welcomes the agreement for the release of hostages concluded between Israel and Hamas. The agreement provides for the release of at least 50 hostages captured on October 7 by the terrorist group, in exchange for a four-day break of fighting in Gaza, and the release of Palestinian prisoners. The truce will begin tomorrow at 10 a.m. local time. The French government spokesperson Olivier Véran says he hopes that there will be French nationals among the hostages released.

And Parisian motorists will have to slow down. The town hall announces its desire to lower the speed on the *périphérique* to 50 km/h from September 2024, after the Olympic Games. The objective stated by the municipality is to improve air quality, reduce noise pollution, reduce congestion and reduce fuel consumption.

And then the Greek Stefanos Ntoukos, rowing champion at the Tokyo Olympics, will be the first bearer of the Olympic flame. The ceremony will take place in Olympia on April 16. The torch will travel around Greece for around ten days before heading towards France, by sea, aboard the Belem to Marseille where it is expected on May 8.