



## The News

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Is the truce between Israel and Hamas already compromised? It began this morning after several weeks of intense conflict, but according to the Israelis this morning, the terrorist group fired rockets towards villages in the south of Israel. According to BFM TV Israel also bombed the Gaza Strip this morning.

This ceasefire, which is supposed to last 4 days, should allow the release of a total of 50 hostages kidnapped by the Palestinian group on October 7. 13 must be released this afternoon at 3 p.m. French time. In return, the Israeli authorities have committed to releasing 150 Palestinians.

And today will be a new day full of emotion in the Drôme for the funeral of Thomas, who was stabbed to death this weekend during a village festival. 9 people were arrested in relation to this case.

Nicolas Sarkozy is once again before the courts regarding the Bygmalion case. The former President will be heard this morning at the appeal trial of the alleged illegal financing of his 2012 presidential campaign. As a reminder, he is being retried since November 8 after being sentenced at first instance to one year in prison for exceeding the campaign spending limit.

And Emmanuel Macron is in Jura today for a trip as part of the program “1 jeune 1 arbre”. The president will participate in the replanting of a municipal forest with middle school students. The Head of State wishes to plant a billion trees in 10 years. An objective considered daring, even unachievable by some.

A new weather alert is in effect: The North is placed under orange alert by the French weather forecast for a risk of wave submersion. The alert begins this evening at 8 p.m.

And then the end-of-year holiday season begins. The Strasbourg Christmas market, one of the largest in Europe, opens today. This is the 453rd edition and the market is under high security. Two drones equipped with cameras will fly over the location and nearly three million visitors are expected over four weeks.