



## The News

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The first of the French hostages who had been held by Hamas were released yesterday. Three Franco-Israeli children, Eitan and Erez who are twelve years old and Sahar who is 16 years old returned to Israeli territory yesterday evening, along with eight other hostages, putting an end to 52 days in captivity. The truce in fighting between Israel and Hamas which had been due to end yesterday evening was finally extended by two days.

Monique Olivier, who is the former wife of serial killer Michel Fourniret, will be appearing again before the Assize Court of Hauts-de-Seine today. She has already been sentenced to life in prison for aiding and abetting in the murder of seven young girls. She is also being tried for her part in the kidnapping, rape and murder of Estelle Mouzin, Joanna Parrish and Marie-Angèle Domèce, who were three of Fourniret's victims, otherwise known as the ogre of the Ardennes.

Six ultra-right activists have received prison sentences for leading a punitive expedition over the weekend following the death of Thomas, the 16-year-old who was killed ten days ago during clashes in the Drôme. The Valence criminal court handed down sentences of 6 to 10 months in prison.

And finally, the price of a metro ticket in Paris is set to more than double during next year's Olympic Games. The price of the Navigo pass for the metro and transport systems in the Ile de France will rise to 70 euros a week between July 28<sup>th</sup> and September 8<sup>th</sup>. The usual price for a weekly pass is 30 euros. Île de France Mobilités has justified its decision for the increase, stating it is necessary in order to finance increased demand during the period.