



## The News

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The alleged assailant of the attack in Paris over the weekend pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group before his act. The clarification came last night from the anti-terrorism prosecutor. In a video, the 26-year-old French-Iranian individual, who was known to be radicalised, showed "support for jihadists acting in different areas". The attack on Saturday evening happened not far from the Eiffel Tower. A German tourist was killed with a knife and two other people were injured with a hammer.

The suspect also allegedly suffers from a psychiatric disorder and had stopped treatment at the request of certain doctors. The Minister of the Interior, Gérald Darmanin was on channel TF1 last night, demanding that the authorities "request an injunction for treatment" for a radicalised person with psychiatric disorders. Darmanin also called on prefects to show "extreme vigilance" towards the terrorist threat, especially as the Jewish festival of Hannukah gets underway on Thursday.

In the Middle East, the Israeli army carried out more strikes yesterday in the Gaza strip, killing more than 300 people and leaving around 600 injured. Fighting resumed on Friday after the truce between Israel and Hamas came to an end.

And finally, the Minister of Labour Olivier Dussopt has said that he does not see himself receiving a conviction. His trial concerning the use of favouritism when handing out public contracts while mayor of Annonay in the Ardèche ended on Friday. A 10-month suspended sentence was requested.