



The News

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Several hundred scientists, researchers and startup bosses will be gathering this morning at the Elysée. Emmanuel Macron is launching a National Science Council so that scientists can work together and hand in hand with the president on the great innovations of tomorrow. Twelve scientists will advise the president on steering his political choices regarding innovation.

The alleged perpetrator of the attack that took place on Paris' Bir-Hakeim bridge on Saturday night, killing one, has been charged and yesterday evening was placed in solitary confinement. During custody, the 26-year-old French-Iranian individual said that he had initially targeted the Vel d'Hiv Children's Garden as a symbol, in reaction to what he describes as the oppression of the population of Gaza by the Israeli army.

In Gaza, the fighting has now been incessant for almost two months to the day after Hamas' attack against Israel. The Israeli army is now leading a major offensive in Rann Younès in south Palestine. France has announced it will be sending of 600 tonnes of food aid by sea to help the population in Gaza.

A decisive meeting for the future of the distribution group Casino will be taking place today. Unions, management and potential buyers will be meeting, while employees, who fear for their jobs, have been on strike since Tuesday. Casino as a group is in major financial difficulty and is preparing to sell its stores, particularly to the chain Intermarché.

And finally, the Fête des Lumières gets underway in Lyon this evening. Light shows and spectacles will be on offer all weekend in the city centre and in the outskirts of Lyon. The festival of light will get underway at this evening 7pm.