



## The News

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Hearings resumed this morning before the Vesoul Court of Appeal for the second week of the second trial of Nicolas Zepeda. As he celebrates his 33rd birthday today, he is on trial for the murder of Narumi in Besançon in 2016. Last week, he admitted having lied for the first time but still claimed his innocence. Many witnesses are expected to take the stand today, including many from Japan where the victim was from, or from Chile, the country of origin of the accused. Nicolas Zepeda's access to the victim's accounts and the messages sent after her disappearance will be at the heart of the debates. The verdict in this case is scheduled for December 22.

The Immigration Bill will be presented today at the National Assembly. The text plans to reform the asylum system, make stricter conditions of access to health systems, and provide working papers to certain illegal workers for professions in high demand. But to pass this law, the government will have to count in particular on the *Republicains*.

However, this law could be rejected before even being examined, if the motion to reject is adopted by the opposition.

Also in the news, several go-slow operations are organized today by taxi drivers throughout France to denounce compulsory health carpooling - A measure of the 2024 Social Security budget law, which requires taxis to group together several patients during medical transportations. They were 700 this morning in Marseille and 350 in Toulouse.

And Emmanuel Macron is expected in Toulouse today early in the afternoon on an Airbus site. For the 2-year anniversary of the plan *France 2030*, the Head of State will present the next stages of the plan dedicated to technological and industrial innovation. He will be accompanied by several ministers, including the Minister of Economy Bruno Le Maire and the Minister of Ecological Transition Christophe Béchu.

And then the Surfing event for the 2024 Olympic Games will, in the end, take place in Tahiti. The Polynesian president announced the resumption of work on the "Téa ou Po" site, after being suspended due to the impact on marine biodiversity.