



## The News

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“The oppositions played against France”, these are the words from Gérald Darmanin this morning. The Minister of the Interior is on a visit to the police station of Maison Alfort in the Val de Marne, after the immigration bill was rejected by the Assemblée Nationale yesterday. Last night, Darmanin issued his resignation to Emmanuel Macron, which the President rejected. Later, Darmanin appeared on channel TF1 news, where he recognised the failure of the bill. Now, government ministers can either send the bill back to the Senate or they can convene a joint committee whereby seven members of parliament and seven senators can try to seek a deal.

Teaching unions are calling for industrial action today against the reform of vocational high schools. The amount of time students of these establishments spend in the classroom could be cut to make way for more time spent in the workplace. The reform is due to come into effect from the next school year.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky is in Washington today in a last bid attempt to secure financial aid for his country. The capital package has met with resistance in the US Congress. Zelensky will spend the early morning at Congress before meeting with his US counterpart, Joe Biden.

In France, 10 départements are on alert for flooding this morning, including Deux Sèvres, Lot, Gironde, Isère, Savoie and Haute Savoie.

And finally, to the women’s handball championships where France are playing in the quarter-finals today. France are yet to lose a match in this tournament under Olivier Krumbolz. France meet the Czech Republic at 5:30 p.m.