



The News

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Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne has expressed France's "emotion" and "solidarity" after 15 people were killed and several seriously injured this afternoon in a shooting at a university in Prague. The assailant, who was 24 and studying at the university, was shot dead. The Czech Interior Minister has said that there is no indication that the crime had any links to international terrorism.

In France, the adoption of the new immigration bill has led to the Minister for Higher Education, Sylvie Retailleau handing in her resignation to Emmanuel Macron. The resignation has been refused by both the President's and the Prime Minister's offices. Demonstrations against the bill continued today in Rouen, Lyon, Caen and Limoges. In the meantime, the resignation from Health Minister Aurélien Rousseau, also on the grounds of the passing of the bill, has been accepted.

The 2024 budget has been adopted by the Assemblée Nationale after the motion of censure tabled by the left wing was rejected. Élisabeth Borne used article 49-3 for the 23rd time in her term in order to get the text through without it being put to a vote.

The Court of Appeal of Haute Saône Court has confirmed a 28 year prison sentence for Nicolas Zepeda, for the murder of a Japanese student in Besançon. Narumi Kurosaki went missing seven years ago. Nicolas Zepeda has always denied killing her.

And finally, the Channel Tunnel is closed until further notice due to a strike over pay levels at Getlink, the private company which manages the tunnel. No cars or passengers can use the tunnel or any public transport dependent on the tunnel, including Eurostar. The Minister of Transport Clément Beaune has said that the situation is unacceptable and has called for an immediate solution to be found.