



## The News

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Agnès Firmin le Bodo has confirmed that she is the subject of a judicial investigation. In a case that was uncovered by Mediapart, while working as a pharmacist between 2015 and 2020, the newly appointed Health Minister allegedly failed to declare gifts she had received from a laboratory. These gifts had an estimated value of 20 thousand euros. Ms Firmin le Bodo has said she will reserve comment for the competent authorities.

The vote on a UN Security Council resolution on the war between Israel and Hamas was postponed again yesterday. The draft resolution calls for "urgent measures to allow access to humanitarian aid in the Gaza Strip", but there is no mention of a ceasefire. Another vote is due to be organised today.

The teenager Alex Batty, who was found earlier in December while walking by a roadside near Toulouse after he had been missing for six years, has spoken to a British newspaper. He said he left his mother's care after an argument and had had enough of having no friends and no social life.

Gérald Darmanin has asked Prefects to clamp down on the use of firework mortars and pyrotechnic items during the holidays. The Minister of the Interior has encouraged the use of drones to detect storage of these items on the roofs of buildings.

And finally, this evening marks the beginning of the Christmas holidays. However, with so many people on the move, traffic is heavy. The website Bison futé shows the Paris and Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes regions as red traffic levels.