



The News

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Agnès Firmin Le Bodo is targeted by an investigation. The temporary Minister of Health, appointed after the resignation of Aurélien Rousseau, is said to have received gifts worth 20,000 euros from Urgo laboratories as a pharmacist. Gifts which she did not declare. Between 2015 and 2020 she supposedly received watches, bottles of wine and champagne. At the beginning of the year, Urgo laboratories were already fined several hundred thousands of euros for offering gifts to pharmacists, in exchange for giving up commercial discounts.

The President of the Republicains Eric Ciotti asks the Prime Minister to solemnly commit to applying the immigration law as it was adopted by Parliament, while certain provisions could be reviews because they were rejected by the Constitutional Council. Eric Ciotti also asks Elisabeth Borne to bring into line the 32 left-wing departments which refuse to apply certain provisions of the text.

In Niger, France will close its embassy in Niamey for an indefinite period. Relations between the two countries have deteriorated since the coup d'état this summer which overthrew President Mohamed Bazoum. The French embassy deplores the restrictions imposed by the Nigerien authorities which prevent it from functioning normally.

And Eurostar traffic resumed normally this morning in the Channel Tunnel, after hours of paralysis due to a strike. An agreement on wages was reached with the unions. Six connections between Paris and London will be added between today and Sunday to allow some of the travelers whose train had been canceled to reach the United Kingdom.

And then the Johnny Hallyday exhibition begins today in Paris, Porte de Versailles. A 3,000 m² space, filled with objects that belonged to the rock'n'roll icon will be displayed, including guitars, costumes and even his Harley-Davidson. Last year, in Brussels, the exhibition attracted 110,000 visitors. In Paris it will be open to the public until next June.

And for those who will be driving today, be patient and cautious. Traffic is red in Île-de-France and Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes in the direction of departures.