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An investigation has been opened in Meaux into intentional homicides after five bodies were found in an apartment last night. The bodies are believed to be that of a woman and her four children. The father of the family, who is presumed to be a suspect, is supposedly on the run. The public prosecutor of Meaux has confirmed that a press conference about the case will be held today.

56 cultural figures have signed an op-ed in defence of Gérard Depardieu. In the piece published in *Le Figaro*, they claim that the backlash Depardieu has been subjected to is a lynching and an “assault on art itself”. Depardieu has been the recent subject of a France 2 documentary after the actor was charged with rape in 2020. The cultural figures who put their name to the op-ed include Nathalie Baye, Carla Bruni, Arielle Dombale and Gérard Darmon.

The mayor of Gravelines has confirmed significant damage to a Sportica sports centre in the northern town and that it will all have to be rebuilt after a fire broke out there. A technical issue with the swimming pool is believed to be the cause of the fire.

The World Health Organisation is once again calling for a ceasefire in Gaza after sharing a series of heartbreaking testimonies from a strike on a refugee camp there on Sunday evening. According to the Hamas ministry of health, 70 people were killed and around 100 wounded people were admitted to al-Asqa hospital. The head of the WHO has indicated that many will not survive the hospital wait time.

And finally, with Christmas over for another year, if you are living in Paris and already want to dispose of your tree, you can take it to one of the 176 collection points that have been set up by the city council. The list of collection points is available on the website paris.fr and they will be open until January 20th.