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The department is once again under orange weather alert for rain and flooding, as part of the Pas de Calais is under water. A scenario which is repeating itself for residents after the heavy rainfall of these past weeks which has caused a lot of damage. The orange alert for rain and flooding also concerns 8 other departments: Manche, Orne, Mayenne, Sarthe, Loire-Atlantique, Vendée, Morbihan and Finistère. The north is under alert for flood like Pas de Calais and Finistère. Up to 60mm of precipitation is expected in places today according to Météo France.

A 39-year-old man died on the beach in Dieppe during the traditional New Year's swim. The victim was found in cardio-respiratory arrest by a team of coastal rescuers. Emergency services were unable to save him.

At least 48 people have died after the 7.6 magnitude earthquake that occurred in Japan yesterday. The death toll will undoubtedly rise as several people are believed to be trapped under the rubble of collapsed buildings. The earthquake had caused a tsunami alert, which has now been dismissed. The United States said it was ready to provide all necessary assistance and Emmanuel Macron also assured the Prime Minister that he could count on the support and help of France.

Several operations are carried out by the Israeli Army in the West Bank. This was announced by the IDF which declares having been targeted by several shots from terrorists and having arrested seven people who were wanted. The Israeli army announced yesterday that the war between Israel and Hamas will continue throughout 2024. At the same time, international mediators led by Qatar and Egypt are still trying to negotiate a pause in the fighting.