



The News

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Gérald Darmanin will be in Marseille today. The Minister of the Interior is expected at the city's Prefecture this morning, before he inaugurates the CRS 81. This is a new branch of the republican security company, which is responsible for combating urban violence and drug trafficking. Nearly 50 people were killed last year in Marseille amid drug trafficking.

Tokyo-Haneda Airport will be closed until further notice after two aircraft collided during landing yesterday. The Airbus A350 involved in the crash ran into a coast guard aircraft which was on the same runway, although it is still unclear why. The cabin of the Airbus A350 caught fire and the 367 passengers, and 12 crew members were safely evacuated. Sadly, five people died on the smaller coast guard plane.

In the meantime, on the Noto peninsula in central Japan, the race is on to find survivors of the earthquake on the Japanese archipelago. More than 60 people died in the twenty earthquakes that occurred after the New Year.

In Ukraine, five people have been killed and dozens injured in Russia's latest strikes above Kyiv and Kharkiv, which local authorities say deliberately targeted residential areas. France's Minister for Foreign Affairs has condemned the attacks. Catherine Colonna could go to Ukraine in the coming days to show France's support.

And finally, in the north of France, the year 2024 has got underway much like how 2023 ended, with persistent rain and rivers overflowing. Pas de Calais is currently on red alert for flooding while the Nord, Aisne, Ardennes, Meuse, Moselle, Meurthe et Moselle and Finistère are on amber alert for flooding.