



## The News

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The Pas Calais is still under red flood alert. Heavy rain is expected in the coming hours, as several villages are already under water. This is a terrible feeling of disillusionment for residents, who were already flooded at the end of last year. 6 departments are also under orange flood alert: The north, Aisne, Ardennes, Meuse, Moselle and Meurthe et Moselle. Moreover, 10,000 customers are still without electricity in the Nord and Pas-de-Calais.

An investigation has been opened by the Lons le Saunier public prosecutor's office after the discovery of homophobic tags in the town of Eclans-Nenon in the Jura. The messages were written on December 25 and January 1, on bus shelters and walls and these messages target the mayor of the town. The elected official received the support of several members of the government.

Abroad, a hundred people were killed and more than 170 injured after a double explosion that occurred today in Iran near the grave of General Soleimani. The country commemorated today the 4th anniversary of the disappearance of the man who directed Iranian military operations in the Middle East.

And the leader of Hezbollah is due to give a highly anticipated speech in Beirut this evening, a day after the strike carried out by Israel in Lebanon - A drone attack which targeted a building on the outskirts of the Lebanese capital, and during which 6 people were killed, including the number 2 leader of Hamas.

Back in France: Soccer player Youcef Attal is sentenced to 8 months of a suspended prison sentence and a 45,000-euro fine. The Algerian defender of OGC Nice was sentenced today for provoking hatred. He had published a video calling for a black day against the Jews, a few days after the Hamas attacks on October 7 in Israel.