



## The News

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A national tribute is paid to Jacques Delors. A ceremony is taking place in the Cour d'Honneur of Les Invalides, chaired by Emmanuel Macron. A tribute to his career as a figure of the French and European political scene. Around fifteen European leaders are present.

Pas de Calais is now under orange weather alert. The Minister of Ecological Transition Christophe Béchu, who was in the department yesterday, has not ruled out declaring certain areas that are currently flooded as uninhabitable. He also promises exceptional responses to help disaster victims. The North, the Ardennes and the Meuse are also affected by the orange alert for risk of flooding. The alert has been lifted, however, in the Aisne.

And Christophe Béchu also threatens to sanction companies which do not play along with the repair bonus. He warns that they could be de-labelled. Since the implementation of this system intended to have electrical and electronic devices repaired rather than thrown away, prices have increased by 10 to 15% according to the consumer association CLCV.

The popularity rating of Elizabeth Borne is declining according to the latest polls. Her ratings have dropped by 3 points and the name of the Prime Minister is mentioned for a possible departure as part of a ministerial reshuffle. Nearly one in three French people believe that Gabriel Attal, current Minister of Education, would be a good replacement.

“There will be no Israeli civilian presence in the Gaza Strip after the war”. These are the words of the Israeli Minister of Defense. However, the end of the conflict is not for any time soon. Operations will continue until the "return of the hostages", the "dismantling of Hamas' military and governance capabilities" and the "elimination of military threats", says the minister.