



## The News

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“There is nothing more beautiful, nothing stronger, than serving France and the French.” These were the first words of Gabriel Attal, today appointed Prime Minister. The transfer of power with Elisabeth Borne took place earlier in Matignon. The new head of government also expressed "all his gratitude and all his loyalty to Emmanuel Macron", he who has been one of his supporters since the beginning. Gabriel Attal was until now Minister of National Education, a position he had held for 5 months. He must now form his government.

And among the many reactions to this appointment, is that of SOS Homophobia: "We are delighted that being homosexual or gay today is no longer an obstacle to the exercise of senior functions." The association says it is now waiting for action from the new Prime Minister, in a civil partnership with the European MP Stéphane Séjourné since 2017, in particular on "the issue of violence and attacks against the LGBTI community".

Also in the headlines, ten departments are under snow and ice alert, from lower Normandy to the west of the Paris region but also in Isère, Savoie and Haute-Savoie. There was already 13 centimeters of snow in Annecy this afternoon according to Météo France. In Ile de France, the police headquarters triggered the second level of the snow and ice plan, which leads to traffic restrictions on certain roads.

Tonight again, frosts will be widespread across the entire northern half. Even so, the year 2023 was the hottest ever recorded in history. Last year an average of 14 degrees 98 were recorded on a global scale according to Copernicus. The European service specifies that "The temperatures recorded in 2023 probably exceed those of any period for at least the last 100,000 years".