



## The News

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What will the first government of Gabriel Attal look like? The new Prime Minister is in the process of putting together his team, which explains the cancellation of the council of ministers traditionally organized on Wednesdays. Gérald Darmanin will most likely remain at the Ministry of the Interior. The new team will probably be appointed before the end of the week.

This appointment of Gabriel Attal to Matignon is not supported by François Bayrou. In an interview with *Le Parisien*, the High Commissioner for Planning explains that he expressed his doubts about this choice, citing a lack of experience of Gabriel Attal for such a position.

Météo France is lifting the orange snow and ice alert in all the departments of the North-West which were still affected. Only Pas-de-Calais remains under orange flood alert for today and tomorrow.

With the drop in temperatures, the first peak in electricity consumption of the year is expected today, according to the network manager RTE. The Minister of Energy Transition is confident there will be no issues and ensures that we produce enough electricity. Yesterday, France experienced one of the coldest days in six years.

France is asking its nationals who may be going to Ecuador to postpone their trip, as far away as possible. The Ecuadorian president recognizes that an internal armed conflict is underway in his country, after the escape of several gang leaders, the kidnapping of police officers and a hostage-taking live on television. Yesterday this violence killed ten people, including two police officers.

Antony Blinken continues his tour in the Middle East. The head of the American diplomacy met today with the president of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas. Antony Blinken warns that "the Palestinian Authority has the responsibility to reform and improve its governance", end of quote. According to Hamas, the strikes on Gaza last night resulted in more than 70 deaths.