



The News

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15 people were arrested for obstructing traffic near the Rungis market. These farmers, gathered in a convoy, were trying to invest the international market. According to the Minister of the Interior Gérald Darmanin, more than 100 blockade points and 10,000 demonstrators are reported. The minister calls for firmness to avoid any incidents. Armored gendarmerie vehicles have been sent to Loiret and Essonne.

Meanwhile, the government announces an additional 80 million euros to support all wine-growing regions in crisis. The Minister of Agriculture specifies that the State will cover the loan interest for the year 2024 to relieve the cash flow of winegrowers in difficulty. In addition, 150 million euros will be dedicated to uprooting vines.

Brussels is proposing a partial exemption of obligations in relation to uncultivated land - A subject which crystallizes the anger of farmers across Europe. The current rule requires farmers benefiting from the CAP to not cultivate at least 4% of land. This exemption will apply provided that farmers reach 7% of intermediate crops.

Also in the news: The majority of crimes and misdemeanors increased last year in France, in particular attacks on people. Homicides pass the symbolic bar of 1,000 victims and attempted homicides have sharply increased, as well as acts of sexual violence. On the other hand, there has been a notable drop in theft and violence in public transportation, with a 10% decrease.

A competitor of Vladimir Putin with a view to the Russian presidential election next March: Opposition candidate Boris Nadejdine announces that he has submitted the 105,000 signatures required to stand in the ballot. The electoral commission now has ten days to decide on his candidacy. Boris Nadejdine advocates the end of the assault in Ukraine and denounces the authoritarian drift of Vladimir Putin.