



## The News

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The Prime Minister is making an early morning visit to the Agricultural Show today. Gabriel Attal has a full day ahead of him at the Salon d'Agriculture, where the plan is to spend the day visiting the stands on offer and talking to farmers. Farmers are still demanding tangible measures after the government promised their conditions would improve.

Emmanuel Macron has said that nothing should be ruled out when it comes to potentially sending Western troops to Ukraine. The President's words came as he had gathered some twenty leaders at the Elysée last night for a meeting in support of Kyiv. Two years after the Russian assault on Ukraine began, Macron announced the forming of a ninth coalition to provide Kyiv with missiles and bombs.

At the trial of the murder of the police officer Éric Masson, the main suspect has admitted that he shot him, but claims that he was not aware that Masson was part of law enforcement. Ilias Akoudad has been on trial since February 19<sup>th</sup> for killing Eric Masson in May 2021 in Vaucluse during a surveillance operation at a drug dealing point.

The mass distribution brand Casino has avoided judicial liquidation. Yesterday, the Paris commercial court approved the safeguarding plan for the group which has accumulated several billion euros of debt. The plan involves Casino changing its shareholders and selling its hypermarkets and supermarkets to its competitors Auchan and Intermarché.

And finally, one of the most widely read French-speaking authors in the world, Swiss writer Joël Dicker is publishing his seventh novel today, the thriller "Un Animal Sauvage". Joël Dicker won the Grand Prix du roman from the Academie française in 2012 at the tender age of 27.