



## The News

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In his traditional speech to the Nation, Vladimir Putin warns the West that they too have weapons capable of hitting targets on their territory. Vladimir Putin accuses Western countries of 'a Russophobia which blinds them'. Regarding the war in Ukraine, the head of the Kremlin believes that the Russian army is advancing with confidence in several directions.

A life sentence was requested against Ilias Akoudad before the court of Vaucluse. He is accused of the murder of a police officer named Éric Masson almost three years ago in Avignon at a drug sales point. After having denied, the suspect admitted to having shot the brigadier, but assures that he did not know his profession. For the other two accused: six years with a committal warrant were requested. The verdict is expected this evening or tomorrow.

The trial of the attack on the Strasbourg Christmas market has just opened, five years after the attack which resulted in five deaths and eleven people injured. The terrorist, Chérif Chekatt, was shot dead two days after the incident. Four men appear before the specially composed court in Paris.

Judith Godrèche was interviewed this morning by the Senate women's rights delegation. The actress requested the opening of a commission of inquiry into sexist and sexual violence in the cinema industry. She who filed complaints against directors Jacques Doillon and Benoît Jacquot. Judith Godrèche regrets the silence in the industry.

And 5 months before the start of the Paris Olympics, Emmanuel Macron inaugurates today the Olympic village. The Head of State cuts the ribbon of this Saint-Denis complex where nearly 14,500 athletes will be housed during the competition. The Olympic Village brings together some 82 buildings, 3,000 apartments and 7,200 rooms on a site covering 52 hectares.