



## The News

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The speech that Emmanuel Macron gave last week at the Sorbonne will be counted as speaking time for the majority party in the run-up to the European elections. Arcom, the Regulatory Authority for Audiovisual and Digital Communication, made its decision yesterday. Meanwhile, Jordan Bardella and Valérie Héyé, who are the heads of the lists for the RN and Renaissance parties, confronted each other for the first time in debate last night on channel BFM TV, a month before the elections on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

The protest in support of Gaza continues at Sciences Po Paris, with management announcing that the premises will be closed today. Yesterday afternoon, students from Sciences Po's Palestine committee announced that a peaceful sit-in would be getting underway and that six students were going on hunger strike.

The UN has announced that the war in the Gaza Strip has caused a degree of unprecedented destruction not seen since the Second World War. The United Nations Development Program estimates that reconstruction will cost between \$30 billion and \$40 billion.

And finally, a word on the roads this weekend. Traffic website the Bison Futé indicates to expect particularly heavy traffic this Friday in Île-de-France as many French people will be taking advantage of Wednesday and Thursday off next week to also take the rest of the week off. Traffic in Ile de France is marked as red in the direction of departures today and tomorrow all of France is forecast as orange.