



## The News

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The first soldiers have arrived in Nouméa as the army has been deployed to New Caledonia after several nights of riots this week. Three Caledonians and a 22-year-old gendarme were killed in the violence. Separatists in the French territory in the Pacific Ocean are leading a revolt after the vote in the Assemblée Nationale that plans to expand the electoral body of provincial elections in New Caledonia. A State of Emergency has been triggered and the social network Tiktok has been banned. Another Defense Council, chaired by Emmanuel Macron, will be held at 11 a.m. this morning at the Elysée.

The hunt for Mohamed Amra continues on an international scale. An Interpol red notice has been issued in order to locate the fugitive who escaped from custody on Tuesday during an attack on a prison van. The van had been transporting him from prison in Evreux, Normandy to court. Two prison officers were killed during the attack, and three others seriously injured. A tribute will be paid to the victims in Incarville at 11 a.m this morning.

Europe is still reeling in shock after yesterday's attack on Slovakia's Prime Minister. Robert Fico remains in a life-threatening condition after he was shot several times. The suspect, a 71-year-old man, has been arrested.

And finally, on the Côte d'Azur, this afternoon will see the inauguration of Canua Island in Mandelieu-la-Napoule. The artificial floating beach can accommodate up to 350 people for festive events at sea. The project has been highly contested by environmental associations.