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In New Caledonia, the State has regained control of the last remaining district of Nouméa. A largescale operation carried out by the GIGN and officers from the RAID destroyed 26 blockades and led to 12 arrests. The Minister of the Interior, Gérald Darmanin, announced that the operation had been a success after two weeks of rioting in the island territory over electoral reform. The airport in Nouméa will remain closed until Monday at the earliest.

In the United States, Donald Trump has been found guilty of all 34 counts of falsifying business records in a hush money scheme to influence the 2016 election. Trump paid adult film star Stormy Daniels \$130,000 to keep quiet about their affair and recorded this payment as “legal expenses”. Falsifications were made to conceal Trump’s violation of New York state election law. The jury deliberated for less than 12 hours in the unprecedented first criminal trial against a US president.

A 20-year-old high school student will be in court today alongside two other people for broadcasting hate messages on social networks that targeted senior staff at her school in Ivry-sur-Seine, in Val- de-Marne. The student had been suspended from school as she had refused to change her religious outfit, an abaya, while in class.

And finally, today is World No Tobacco Day, organised by the World Health Organisation. The day is the opportunity to remember how dangerous cigarettes are for your health as well as for the planet. Approximately four and a half billion cigarette butts become litter items each year.