



## The News

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Several protests were held against the Rassemblement National party in France's major cities last night just as five unions, including the CGT and CFDT want to bring as many people together as possible in a united front in the upcoming elections. Meanwhile, the country's left-wing parties are hoping for democratic and social revival as the grassroots front will be putting in separate candidacies to the first round.

Emmanuel Macron will be speaking this afternoon. The president's speech comes two days after he announced the snap election in the wake of the European election results in which the Rassemblement National party made huge gains. Today, Macron is expected to set out the main points of the presidential party's campaign.

A female police officer has been taken into custody in Cherbourg after the death of a young man. The officer shot the 19-year-old victim on Sunday as he was trying to escape a police check. According to the prosecutor, the victim allegedly deliberately pushed one of the police officers while fleeing on foot, which was when the police officer used her weapon. She was taken into custody for intentional homicide. The investigation has been handed to the police of the police, the IGPN.

And finally, to the European Athletics Championships in Rome. Kevin Mayer is at the halfway point of the decathlon. After five events yesterday, the French athlete has half the points needed to finally qualify for the Paris Olympics. He is currently in 8th position after the high jump and the 400 meters last night.