



The News

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France has to bid farewell to one of its icons after Françoise Hardy died last night at the age of 80. The singer had suffered from a string of illnesses over the past several years, including lymphatic cancer. Her son, fellow musician Thomas Dutronc announced on the death on social media with a photo of Françoise and him when he was little with the words “Maman est partie” – Mum is gone. With her hit “Tous les garçons et les filles”, Françoise Hardy will forever remain a standout star of the sixties.

In politics, several representatives from the Républicains party have turned against the party leader Eric Ciotti after he backed an alliance with the Rassemblement National. The move has caused uproar, as it is the first time the traditional right has formed any type of alliance with the far right. Yesterday, Eric Ciotti stressed the need for an alliance and would campaign alongside the Rassemblement National representative, Jordan Bardella. After the news broke, the head of the Hauts de France region and Républicains representative, Xavier Bertrand called on Ciotti to resign. An urgent meeting between Républicains party representatives has been called for 3pm.

In the meantime, Jordan Bardella has ruled out any type of alliance with Eric Zemmour. The Rassemblement National representative was a guest on last night’s 8pm news on channel France 2. Bardella said there was a lack of trust between his party and Zemmour’s Reconquete party.

600 acres burned down the in the Var last night near Saint Tropez in the first wildfire of the season. More than 700 firefighters are still tackling the blaze, with air operations due to resume within the hour. Dozens of residents have been evacuated and two departmental roads are closed to traffic.

And finally, to sport and the European Athletics Championships in Rome. French athlete Makenson Gletty took the bronze medal in the decathlon yesterday. Meanwhile, teammate Kevin Mayer may have missed out on yesterday’s podium, but he has done enough to compete in the decathlon at the upcoming Paris Olympics.