



## The News

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The left-wing parties PS, the LFI, the Greens and the Communist Party agreed last night on a common program for the legislative elections that will be revealed in a few hours. The campaign will launch with single candidates running in certain constituencies.

The right-wing party the *Républicains* has announced that it will be putting forward 200 candidates for election on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Meanwhile, Eric Ciotti is taking legal action after he was ousted as party head due to calling for support for far-right *Rassemblement National* candidates.

This morning, the former chair of the *Assemblée Nationale*, Yaël-Braun Pive, has said that she would never vote for either *France Insoumise* or the *Rassemblement National*.

The head of the National Centre for Cinema, the CNC, will be in court today. 54 year-old Dominique Boutonnat is accused of sexually assaulting his godson during the summer of 2020. The trial will get underway at the Nanterre criminal court. Dominique Boutonnat denies the offences.

As the G7 continues, the seven world leaders have agreed to a \$50 billion loan to Ukraine to help it buy weapons and begin to rebuild the country's damaged infrastructure. The loan is expected to be repaid using interest earned on \$300 billion in frozen Russian assets, which are mostly in European banks. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz hailed a "historic" agreement that sends a "clear signal" to Vladimir Putin.

And finally, as the French Baccalaureate gets underway today, good luck to any of you with upcoming exams.