



## The News

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None of the French départements are on amber weather alert any more this morning for storms. Yesterday saw severe bad weather that caused damage in the Vendée, Charente Maritime, Mayenne and Oise.

The Head of the Bank of France issued a warning yesterday for the country's deficits as he explained that news of the snap election had spooked the markets. He stressed that the next government must quickly clarify its economic policy as investors had been rattled by the elections, causing them to dump the country's debt and drive up borrowing costs. The warning came after the New Grassroots Front and the Rassemblement National made their economic pledges for after the election, which included the repeal of the pension reform and the abolition of VAT on basic necessities.

Seven people died yesterday in a road accident on the RD 921 near Chartre. The victims of the collision were a couple aged 90 and 85 and five young people aged between 17 and 19. The initial findings of the investigation point to speed being an aggravating factor in the accident.

And finally, Novak Djokovic will be returning to Roland-Garros this summer to compete in the Olympics. The Serbian player is looking set to make his comeback after he was forced to pull out of this year's Grand Slam due to a torn meniscus. The world number 3 has since undergone surgery and has officially been notified that he has qualified for the Games. His ultimate aim will be to bag a gold medal, as it is the only achievement missing from his extensive trophy cabinet.