



## The News

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The Paris Olympic Games got underway today, with the start of the rugby sevens and football tournaments. Tonight, the French football team under Thierry Henry will take on the US and that kick-off is at 9pm.

The Games might be underway, but we are still a couple of days out from the opening ceremony. Organisers will be breathing a sigh of relief after an agreement was reached today on dancers' pay, as hundreds of performers had issued a notice to strike and possibly pull out of the show.

It's a big week all round for Olympics news as France has just received approval to host the 2030 Winter Games in the Alps, pending the financial guarantee being signed before October 1<sup>st</sup>. France was the only country to put itself forward to host the 2030 event, with Emmanuel Macron promising an innovative, sustainable and inclusive Games that will "reinvent the mountains".

In Nice, a third suspect has been arrested after the apartment building fire that killed seven people last week. The other two suspects arrested have already been charged, with video surveillance showing the three men fleeing the building after setting the fire.

The justice authorities have ordered the trial of rapper Naps on charges of rape, after a nearly three year long investigation. A young woman has accused Naps of sexually assaulting her in a hotel room while she was asleep.

And finally, Monday was officially the world's hottest day ever recorded by humans, with an average global temperature of 17.15 degrees. The news comes from the European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service. Monday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024 has just beaten the previous record which was...Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> 2024, the day before.