



The News

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It's the start of another decisive week as the country waits to find out who will feature in the new government. Today, Michel Barnier met with several key figures from the Républicains party, Bruno Retailleau, Gérard Larcher and Laurent Wauquiez as well as with his predecessor, Gabriel Attal. Tomorrow, the prime minister will continue to meet with key figures, including the National Secretary of the PCF, Fabien Roussel.

Meanwhile, Emmanuel Macron has put forward the name of Stéphane Séjourné to replace Thierry Breton in Brussels. The European Commissioner announced his resignation today, claiming that he had been dismissed by the President of the European Commission Ursula Van Der Leyen. Macron's move has drawn a lot of criticism from both the left and the right, with MEP and France Insoumise representative Manon Aubry posting on X that the president "sends his clone to the Commission without consulting anyone".

This morning's hearing in the Mazan mass rape trial was suspended as the main accused in the case, Dominique Pélicot remains in hospital. He was excused from court by the presiding judge days ago due to ill health. A panel of experts has been appointed to determine whether he will be able to resume trial. Dominique Pélicot is accused of recruiting dozens of men to rape his wife while she was under sedation. Lawyers for Gisèle Pélicot say that the situation is unbearable for the civil parties.

15 people have now died in Central and Eastern Europe in the flooding caused by storm Boris. Thousands of people have been evacuated in Austria, Poland and Romania, as well as in the Czech Republic where 7 people remain missing.

And finally, a word on football. Adrien Rabiot will be arriving in Marseille this evening in order to sign a two-year contract with the club.