



The News

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In the Mazan rape trial, yesterday Gisèle Pélicot said that she felt “humiliated”, expressing anger and frustration for the first time since the trial began. Ms Pélicot was questioned yesterday by the defence and head judge regarding images of herself in which she can be seen naked and under the influence of drugs. She said that she felt like she was the guilty party instead of the victim. Gisèle Pélicot was drugged by her husband for years, who recruited strangers on the internet to rape her while she was unconscious.

In Lebanon, at least 20 people have died and 450 others are injured after scores of walkie talkies exploded yesterday, just as hundreds of pagers did the day before. Hamas is accusing Israel of being responsible for the attacks. Today, representatives from the French, US, German, Italian and British diplomatic services will be meeting in Paris to take stock of the situation in Lebanon and the Middle East.

In New Caledonia, a man was killed last night during a law enforcement operation in Saint-Louis. Gunfire broke out between the public and the gendarmes. This is the 12th death since the start of the riots 4 months ago.

Michel Barnier has said that the budgetary situation in France is “very serious” as his predecessor, Gabriel Attal has warned against any attempt to raise taxes. Michel Barnier has now been in the job of prime minister for two weeks, and had pledged to announce the new line-up of ministers this week, although it seems that the new government is taking longer to form.

And finally, the sports car race 24 Hours of Le Mans has been picked as the French public’s favourite monument. The 24 hours race was chosen last night during the program on channel France 3, presented by Stéphane Bern. 24 Hours of Le Mans succeeds the castle of Sedan, in the Ardennes.