



## The News

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Bruno Retailleau has called on prefects across the country to step up security in France in light of the conflict in the Middle East. The Minister of the Interior has expressed fears for potential anti-Semitic attacks this weekend as it marks Roch Hochana, the Jewish new year. The anniversary of last year's October 7<sup>th</sup> attack is also imminent.

Two hundred French nationals returned from Lebanon today as extra commercial flights were laid on at France's request. Most of the people concerned are sick, elderly or socially isolated. The government has stressed that any travel to Lebanon is strongly discouraged at the moment, as the country is the target of Israeli strikes.

The minister heading the national budget, Laurent Saint-Martin has provided a clearer picture today of the government's planned hike in taxes. The rise in taxes will apparently only impact 0.3% of French households as it will apply to people earning more than 500,000 euros a year.

Bernard Cazeneuve is out to settle scores, the former prime minister for François Hollande's socialist government has accused the current heads of the Parti Socialist of "gleefully" preventing his appointment to Matignon this time. In an interview with *Le Monde* newspaper today, Cazeneuve also said that he wanted the party to emerge from the divisions that have stemmed from the alliance with La France Insoumise and that he intended to unite the left in time for the 2027 presidential elections.

And finally, to football and the Europa League tonight. Nice are playing away in Italy to Lazio Rome, while Lyon are also playing away in Scotland to Glasgow Rangers.