



## The News

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The 2025 budget will be the subject of debate getting underway this evening in the commission of the Assemblée Nationale. The government's budget sets out to make 60 billion euros in savings in order to curb the national debt. Former minister of the economy, Bruno Le Maire says that he is ready to answer "any questions" as discussions will also be getting underway regarding an inquiry commission on the slippage of public finances. The deficit forecast for this year is 6.1% of the GDP.

Unions for the pharmaceutical group Sanofi are calling on staff to strike as of tomorrow, further to painkiller Doliprane being sold to an American investment fund. Unions are demanding that Sanofi retain at least a majority stake in its subsidiary Opella, the branch that produces the household name medication.

The lawyer for Kylian Mbappé says the player has nothing to feel guilty about and that he is unperturbed. This week, Mbappé has been accused of rape and sexual assault in the Swedish press. The incident allegedly took place last week in a hotel in Stockholm where the player had been staying. The lawyer for Mbappé has said that he will be filing a complaint for "slandorous denunciation".

Today marks the anniversary of a case that has perplexed and troubled France for four decades. It has now been forty years since little Gregory was found dead at four years old. His body had been tied up in a bag and dumped in the Vologne river. Although numerous suspects were questioned, forty years on his murder remains unsolved. Earlier this year, the courts ordered new scientific expertise in an attempt to solve the investigation.

And finally, tickets are going on sale today for a new high speed trainline linking Paris and Berlin. Passengers will be able to travel from the French capital to the German capital in a journey time of eight hours. The first departure on the new TGV line will be leaving on December 16th.