



## The News

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The public prosecutor of Bobigny has appealed to the parents of baby Santiago to take him to a hospital as soon as possible. Baby Santiago was abducted from the maternity ward of the hospital of Aulnay-sous-Bois on Monday. His parents are suspected of smuggling their child out of the hospital in a bag and fleeing to Belgium. Baby Santiago was born prematurely 19 days ago and is in need of constant medical care or his life may be in danger. The search for Santiago and his parents continues.

Debate on the 2025 budget is still underway at the Assemblée Nationale. In a bid to accelerate the discussions on the bill, left and centrist groups are now withdrawing amendments previously tabled. The Nouveau Front Populaire has announced it will be withdrawing a quarter of amendments, while Ensemble pour la République has announced the withdrawal of more than a hundred amendments.

A conference on aid for Lebanon in light of the ongoing conflict with Israel has raised a total of 1 billion dollars, with \$800 million for humanitarian aid at \$200 million for the country's armed forces. The conference in Paris gathered 70 heads of state and 15 NGOs today, with Emmanuel Macron in attendance. The president stated that France would put 100 million euros towards supporting Lebanon and also took the opportunity to once again call for a ceasefire.

And finally, in future, will stepping inside Notre Dame have an entry fee attached? The minister for culture, Rachida Dati has made the proposal to charge tourists 5 euros to visit the cathedral, outside of masses and religious ceremonies that would remain free to attend. The money would go towards funding the upkeep of churches in France. The idea has so far divided political opinion. Meanwhile, the Archdiocese of Paris is against the proposal, reiterating the principle of "free admission to churches".