



## The News

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The trial on the murder of teacher Samuel Paty opened at 10am this morning at the Special Assize Court of Paris, four years after his death. Samuel Paty was killed by a young radical Islamist in Conflans-Sainte-Honorine. Seven men and one woman involved in the crime are to stand trial. Last year, the trial took place of six former school pupils in connection with this case.

Four people were injured, two of them seriously, after an altercation involving an axe broke out this morning on the RER E train line in the Paris region. One person had their hand severed and another had their skull cut open. The incident took place around 8 a.m. at Ozoir-la-Ferrière station in Seine-et-Marne.

A giant brainstorming session is taking place at the prime minister's offices at Matignon today in order to "find concrete measures". All government ministers are currently locked in meetings to draw up a three-year action plan. Key topics to address include immigration, labour and the State and local authorities.

The death toll in Spain now stands at 217 after last week saw flash floods in the south-east of the country. Last night, the city of Tarragona in southern Catalonia was hit by flooding.

In the United States, it is the final stretch of the presidential campaign as the country prepares to cast the final votes tomorrow. On the very last day before the election, Donald Trump is expected in three pivotal states while rival Kamala Harris will be in Pennsylvania.

And finally, who will succeed Jean-Baptiste Andrea as the winner France's most prestigious literary prize? The 2024 Prix Goncourt is due to be announced today. Among the finalists are Kamel Daoud, Gaël Faye, Sandrine Collette and Hélène Gaudy. The winner will be announced in the early afternoon from Paris.