



## The News

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Manuel Valls has said that rebuilding Mayotte will be a long and difficult process, though he intends to get building works underway and address the emergency situation on the island. The comments from the new Minister for Overseas France come ahead of his upcoming visit to Mayotte on Sunday alongside François Bayrou. Mr Valls will be holding consultations on the proposed special law to address the damage caused by cyclone Chido in Mayotte, that will allow exemptions to certain rules governing town planning and the use of donations to get the work underway.

Ahead of the visit to Mayotte, the prime minister was in Liévin in the Pas-de-Calais this morning to attend the commemorations to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the 1974 mining disaster that killed 42 people and deeply shook the region.

Nouméa and neighbouring areas will be under a curfew for New Year's Eve in New Caledonia. The measure rounds off a year that has been marked by violent riots, clashes with police and curfews on the island.

Greenhouse gas emissions are back on the rise in France, with a slight increase of 0.5% in the third quarter of 2024 due to the building and transport sectors. However, over the space of nine months, total emissions remain down by more than 2%. France is aiming for carbon neutrality by 2050.

And finally to volleyball and this evening will see a sold out match at the Futuroscope Arena for the derby between Poitiers and Tours. This will be the final match with Poitiers for the French international and Olympic champion Earvin Ngapeth before he heads off to continue his career in Türkiye. That match gets underway at 7pm.