



## The News

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by Emma Phillips

François Bayrou has presented his “Mayotte Debout” or “Mayotte back on its feet” plan after arriving this morning to the islands that were devastated two weeks ago by cyclone Chido. The plan includes pledges to restore electricity to all homes in Mayotte before the end of January and a return to pre-cyclone levels of drinking water production before the week is out. The prime minister promised that there would be no “small talk” and only “concrete and precise decisions”.

An investigation has been opened in Essonne after shots were fired at the home of an educational advisor last night. At the time, the woman in question was at home with her husband and children in the accommodation provided by her employers in the grounds of the Ferdinand-Buisson collège in Juvisy-sur-Orge. No one was injured in the shooting and no arrests have been made so far.

The farming union Coordination rurale is threatening to blockade Paris on January 5<sup>th</sup> while union representatives are demanding an urgent meeting with the prime minister. Coordination rurale is already warning that that action could intensify if the government refuses to meet with farmers as soon as possible.

The Elysée has paid tribute to “a great humanist” after it was announced yesterday that Jimmy Carter had died. The former US president was 100 years old when he passed away. Mr Carter was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002. While he was president in the late 70s and early 80s, Mr Carter oversaw the Camp David Accords and managed the hostage-taking situation at the US embassy in Tehran. The United States will observe a national day of mourning on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

And finally, a special issue of *Charlie Hebdo* will be published on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 10 years after the terrorist attack at the offices of the satirical newspaper. With a print run of 300,000 copies, the special issue will be available to buy for two weeks for the price of €5. It will include a survey on freedom of expression, as well as cartoons that have been submitted to *Charlie Hebdo* as part of an international competition.