



The News

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A 15-year-old girl was killed this morning in a road accident near Châteaudun in the Eure-et-Loir region. 30 others were injured in the accident involving a school bus. The driver says that he was trying to avoid a collision with another vehicle. He tested positive for drugs and has been taken into police custody. The minister for transport, Philippe Tabarot, has arrived on site, commenting that the incident has left the entire country devastated. A psychological unit has been set up at the school attended by the victims.

In the US, Donald Trump has said that the country is experiencing an “hour of anguish” after last night’s collision between an airliner and a military helicopter, in which there were no survivors. A total of 67 people were on board the passenger jet. The US Army Black Hawk helicopter collided with the jet just as it was due to land at Washington National airport. Both aircraft crashed into the Potomac River, from which 30 bodies have been recovered so far.

Elisabeth Borne has been in Mayotte today. The education minister is overseeing the return to school on the islands, pledging that children should be back in the classroom “as soon as possible” in the wake of hurricane Chido. Since the start of the week, more than 100,000 pupils have started going back to school and Mayotte has had 130 pallets of school equipment delivered.

And finally, to football and Matchday 8 of the Europa League this evening. Two French clubs are on the line-up - Lyon are playing at home to Bulgaria’s Ludogorets Razgrad. Lyon still stand a chance of qualifying directly for the last 16. Meanwhile, Nice, who are already out of the competition, are playing at home to Norway’s Bodø/Glimt.