



The News

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Talks between the United States and the European Union on the conflict in Ukraine resumed today as the US Secretary of State, Marco Rubio was at the Elysée Palace to meet with Emmanuel Macron. Ahead of the meeting, the president spoke to his Ukrainian counterpart, Volodymyr Zelensky. US Special Envoy Steve Witkoff who was also present at today's talks alongside Ukrainian and European delegations met with Russian President, Vladimir Putin a few days ago.

A man remains in critical condition this afternoon after he was rescued after being swept away by an avalanche in Val Thorens earlier today. The victim was in cardiorespiratory arrest when he was recovered from being buried underneath the snow in the ski resort. He was taken to hospital in Grenoble. Two other people were also swept away by the avalanche. In Tignes, residents are being asked to stay indoors after 8pm tonight.

A search was carried out at the home of Francis Szpiner earlier today as part of a judicial investigation into active and passive corruption. The senator for the Républicains party and former mayor of Paris' 16th arrondissement is accused of ensuring that social housing was allocated to a 26-year-old woman in exchange for sexual favours. He denies the accusations.

The victim in the Mazan rape trial, Gisèle Pélicot is filing a complaint against magazine Paris Match for publishing stolen photos. The photos show Pélicot with her new partner. Her lawyer has condemned the methods used by Paris Match given that the historic rape trial centred on Pélicot, who is in her seventies, having been the subject of 3,000 photos and videos taken without her knowledge by her former husband.

And finally, the festival Printemps de Bourges is putting an extremely retro style of show tonight to minimise the impact on the environment. The concert, "Vers les lueurs" will be taking place without using any electricity. Artists involved in the show will perform fully acoustic sets that will be lit by candlelight.