



## **The News**

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There has been a new development today in the Pélicot case – Gérald Darmanin has ordered a judicial inspection into what he called “dysfunctions” in the investigation. The Minister of Justice wants to know why investigations did not get underway in 2010 when the DNA of Dominique Pélicot was identified in a case of attempted rape. The report from the Inspectorate General of Justice is expected by the end of July. Dominique Pélicot was sentenced in December to 20 years in prison.

A new study into the drug Beyfortus has found that it is highly effective in preventing serious infections in babies. Beyfortus was designed to immunise newborns against the main virus that causes bronchiolitis. The study also found that Beyfortus was not linked to any side effects. 600,000 doses of the drug were administered to newborns last year out of 700,000 births.

The Minister of the Interior, Bruno Retailleau will be meeting with the family of Aboubakar Cissé on Monday. The 22-year-old from Mali was stabbed and murdered last Friday while he was praying in a mosque in La Grande Colombe. The perpetrator of the stabbing turned himself in to police in Italy last Sunday and is due to be transferred to France within the next fortnight.

And finally, the Nice tuna sandwich the pan bagnat may be soon be given Europe-wide recognition. The mayor of Nice, Christian Estrosi, has got the ball rolling on proceedings for the pan bagnat to be awarded the status of Traditional Speciality Guaranteed in a move to promote Nice's culinary identity and protect the traditional recipe.