



## **The News**

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Black was the colour of the smoke that emerged shortly before noon today from the chimney that has been affixed to the Sistine Chapel, indicating that no final decision has been reached on who will be the new pope. As such, the conclave of 133 cardinals will continue at the Vatican, with another smoke signal expected before the end of the day.

Three people were injured last night, including a child who is now in a life-threatening condition, after a car ploughed into Paris Saint Germain supporters who were celebrating the team's win against Arsenal to gain a place in the Champions League final. An investigation has been opened in Paris for "violence with a weapon" and "hit-and-run offence" and "failure to provide assistance to a person in danger". Otherwise, 44 people are currently in police custody in Paris for violence or causing damage.

Rugby team Le Castres Olympique has said that it is "in mourning" today after the death of player Josaia Raisuqe this morning in a car accident. The player from Fiji was killed when his car was hit by a TER regional train while on the way to training. Le Castres has paid tribute to "a wonderful team-mate who was much appreciated by all, and by the Castres supporters who had adopted him". The 30-year-old had been playing for the team since 2021. The upcoming match between Le Castres Olympique and ASM Clermont on match day 23 of the TOP 14 has been postponed until the weekend of May 24<sup>th</sup>.

And finally, with just ten days to go until the Eurovision song contest hits our screens, the first official rehearsals are getting underway tonight. This year, artist Louane is representing France and will be gracing the stage in Basel with her song, "Maman". You can catch her performance in the Eurovision semi-finals next Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.