



## **The News**

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After more than 90 hours of debate, the two bills on the end-of-life will be put to formal vote this afternoon in the Assemblée Nationale. The first bill focuses on how to develop palliative care and the second is on the right to assisted dying for patients suffering from a “serious, incurable, advanced or terminal illness”.

Delegations of taxi drivers will be meeting with the Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of Health today. Taxi drivers have been on strike over the past few days. One of the reasons behind the strike is that drivers fear for a drop in income once the new agreement on the rate that people who are ill should pay if they are travelling to a healthcare facility. That new medical transport tariff rate is due to apply from October 1<sup>st</sup>. On Saturday evening, after meeting with cab drivers, Prime Minister François Bayrou announced that another look would be taken at the measure.

The 40,000 members of the Socialist Party have an important vote to cast today in order to select the party’s next First Secretary. This first round has three contenders: Olivier Faure, who has been the head of the party since 2018, Nicolas Mayeur-Rossignol, the mayor of Rouen and Boris Vallaud who is the frontrunner of the Parti Socialiste members of parliament.

Iranian director Jafar Panahi was given a warm welcome home by supporters yesterday on his return to Teheran. Panahi’s film “It was just an accident”, which was shot entirely in secret, was awarded the Palme d’Or on Saturday at the Cannes Film Festival. The 64-year-old filmmaker, who has already been imprisoned twice by the Iranian regime, says he has no fear of being behind bars again.

And finally, to tennis and yesterday five French players secured their spots in the Roland Garros second round: Richard Gasquet, Arthur Fils, Ugo Humbert, Hugo Gaston and Leolia Jeanjean. Yesterday saw Arthur Cazaux, Diane Parry and Caroline Garcia bow out. Yesterday was the final match of 31-year-old Garcia’s career. Today will see ten French players on the courts, including Gaël Monfils and Pierre-Hugues Herbert.