



The News

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The prosecutor for Chaumont will be holding a press conference later this afternoon on the fatal stabbing of a teaching assistant that took place on Tuesday in Nogent sur Marne. The suspect, who is fourteen years old, has had his police custody extended by 24 hours. At today's press conference, information is expected to come forward such as the motivation behind the attack that killed Melanie G. Tomorrow, a minute of silence will be observed in all schools at noon.

Mohamed Amra is now back in his cell after refusing to answer questions from investigating judges today. The convicted drug trafficker was transferred by helicopter this morning from the prison where he is serving his sentence in Condé-sur-Sarthe to a court in Paris. The elite police unit GIGN handled today's transfer, a year on from Amra's escape from a prison van that killed two officers.

Blockades organised by taxi drivers were set up outside Roissy and Orly airports today, as the strike movement continues. Traffic was reported as slow-moving on several main roads in the Île-de-France region as a result of this latest move, while a meeting was held today with the drivers at the Ministry of Health. Taxi drivers are protesting for better working conditions in the wake of health reform that could affect their fares and competition from private hire cars. The government has said it will review the proposals put forward by drivers and has proposed another meeting at the end of June.

Demonstrations for Palestine will take place across France on Saturday. Five trade unions are calling for people to gather in support of the people living in the Gaza Strip and to demand a ceasefire. The unions CFDT, CGT, Unsa, Solidaires and FSU have condemned the actions from the Israeli authorities.

And finally, if you are in the southwest, watch out for thunderstorms tonight. The départements of Gers, Landes, Gironde, and Lot-et-Garonne are all on amber weather alert. Météo France has forecast brief but potentially powerful storms with a risk of hail and heavy rainfall.