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Several owners of properties in the Rue d'Aubagne in Marseille were handed prison sentences for manslaughter today. In November 2018, the collapse of three buildings in the street killed 18 people. The case has become emblematic of substandard housing in Marseille. A former deputy mayor responsible for urban risk management was also given a two-year suspended sentence.

Meanwhile, no charges have been brought against Edouard Philippe, Agnès Buzyn or Olivier Véran. The former Prime Minister and two former Health Ministers have been cleared by the Court of Justice of the Republic of any wrongdoing in their handling of the Covid epidemic. A judicial investigation was opened five years ago after several complaints were filed reporting the lack of measures taken by the government at the time.

A campsite was evacuated in the Var today after a wildfire broke out in Fréjus late this morning that required the intervention of a hundred firefighters. The départements of Var, Aude and Bouches-du-Rhône are currently on red alert for forest fires.

In the US, President Donald Trump will be meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the White House this evening. Donald Trump has said that he is hoping for a ceasefire agreement to come about this week, as indirect negotiations between Hamas and Israel also get underway in Qatar. In the meantime, the bombing continues in Palestine, where at least 12 people have been killed today.

And finally, the co-author of the beloved children's TV series, "Bonne nuit les petits", Christine Laydu, died over the weekend at the age of 94.