



## **The News**

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More than 300 firefighters, a water bomber helicopter and four Canadair aircraft have been deployed to manage a wildfire in Martigues today. The fire has already destroyed 240 hectares of land with firefighters battling against a resurgence in the flames. Meanwhile, in Brittany, a wildfire has been contained but is yet to be extinguished in the forest of Brocéliande. Firefighters have identified two separate sources of the blaze.

The investigation continues into the death last week of a newborn at the neonatal unit of Lille University Hospital. According to the Lille public prosecutor's office, the death is consistent with trauma caused by a fall to the ground. A six-year-old child from another family had been seen near the cot and the baby was on the floor. The hospital described the incident as exceptional.

The petition against the Duplomb Law has now passed the 200,000 signature mark. The petition was launched by a student last week on the website of the Assemblée Nationale. Since then, the number of hits has escalated. The petition calls for the withdrawal of the law that has been passed by MPs authorising the reintroduction of a pesticide that kills bees.

And finally a busy evening lies ahead on roads nationwide as scores of people set off on their holidays. Website Bison Futé is warning motorists to expect red levels of traffic across the country and the same goes for tomorrow. In the direction of return journeys, traffic will be very heavy on the Mediterranean coast and in the north-west of the country.