



## **The News**

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There may be a debate on the horizon in the Assemblée Nationale on the Duplomb law, after a petition against the new bill reached record a number of signatures. The petition calls for the withdrawal of the bill, which was passed partly to address farmer demands tied to protests this year from those working in agriculture. The bill would see the reintroduction of banned pesticide acetamiprid that is harmful to pollinators. Despite the widespread support for the petition, all heads of parliamentary groups must agree for the debate to be given the go ahead.

The Paris public prosecutor's office has announced that it will appeal to the Court of Cassation over the release of pro-Palestinian Lebanese activist Georges Ibrahim Abdallah. Last week, the French courts ordered the release of one of France's longest serving prisoners who was convicted in 1987 for aiding and abetting in the murder of Israeli and American diplomats in Paris.

The courts have ordered further investigation into the murder of Delphine Jubillar after the former partner of Cédric Jubillar told the press that he had confessed to her that he killed his wife in 2020. The courts wish to speak with her. Cédric Jubillar is due to stand trial from 22 September before the Assize Court of Tarn.

Three people have been handed prison sentences for human trafficking in Châlons-en-Champagne. The individuals were convicted for exploiting and housing some 50 workers, many of whom were undocumented, in appalling conditions during the 2023 grape harvest.

Finally, to football, and Laurent Bonadei will stay as head of the French women's team. Today, the president of the French Football Federation explained that there had never been any question of switching coaches after the team was knocked out at the quarter final stage of the Women's Euro.