



## The News

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After six years of legal proceedings, investigating judges today ordered that Rachida Dati and Carlos Ghosn face trial in a criminal court. The current Minister of Culture and the former head of Renault-Nissan are suspected of corruption and influence peddling. Rachida Dati allegedly invoiced Renault-Nissan for services rendered as a lawyer between 2010 and 2012. But the financial prosecutor's office claims that the contract that was signed between her and Carlos Ghosn was actually a smokescreen for lobbying in the European Parliament. Carlos Ghosn is living in Lebanon and is the subject of an international arrest warrant.

Emmanuel Macron will not recommend any particular course of action on the Duplomb law until the Constitutional Council has given its opinion. The law is facing strong opposition with the petition calling for its repeal now standing at more than 1.66 million signatures.

The first drug traffickers were transferred to Vendin-le-Viel today. Seventeen of the country's most dangerous prisoners arrived at the high security prison that is due to become operational at the end of the month. The facility is intended to house France's 100 most dangerous drug traffickers. Among them, Mohamed Amra otherwise known as "The Fly" has been notified of his upcoming transfer there.

An 83-year-old woman was handed a four-year suspended prison sentence today for getting behind the wheel of a car in La Rochelle in 2024 and consequently running over children. One of the children involved in the incident, a 10-year-old girl, died from her injuries. The victim had been riding her bike as part of a school trip.

And finally, the selection for the 82nd Venice Film Festival was announced today. Included in the line-up were three French directors and films, Valérie Donzelli with *À pied d'œuvre*, Olivier Assayas for *Le Mage du Kremlin* and François Ozon with his adaptation of Camus' *L'Étranger*. The festival will run from 27 August to 6 September.