



The News

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In the Aude, a 65-year-old woman has died in a wildfire and three people are currently missing. The prefect for the département has confirmed that firefighters have managed to slow the spread of the fire but that the fire itself is still active. Firefighters dealing with the blaze that has been going for over 24 hours have described the fire as “monstrous”. More than 13,000 hectares have burned down.

Tomorrow will see eleven départements on alert for a heatwave. Because of the heat, the SNCF has bad news for holidaymakers as the rail operator is cancelling several trains in order to avoid breakdowns and delays. Three return trips between Bordeaux and Marseille have been cancelled, as is the Paris-Limoges-Toulouse route on Saturday.

The Constitutional Council is due to deliver its verdict this evening on the Duplomb law. The controversial law could see the authorization of certain pesticides that are currently banned. A petition against the law garnered more than two million signatures. The Council of Elders will also give its constitutional rulings on the reform of municipal elections in Paris, Lyon and Marseille, the law on the reorganisation of Mayotte and the law extending the detention of foreign nationals considered dangerous.

And finally the World Games got underway in Chengdu, China today! The French delegation will be making their best attempt to shine in disciplines that are not part of the Olympic programme, such as bowling, karate and squash, in the global sporting event that is recognised by the IOC. In total, France has 129 athletes competing in 21 different sports.