



## **The News**

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The French sports journalist Christophe Gleizes is facing ten years in prison in Algeria on charges of condoning terrorism. The sentence sought today after the appeal hearing is more severe than the initial punishment handed down. While in court, Christophe Gleizes asked for clemency and forgiveness, acknowledging that he had made many journalistic mistakes despite having good intentions. He is accused of being in contact with the manager of a local football club who also has ties to an organisation that has been classed as terrorist, the Movement for the Self-Determination of Kabylie.

The prosecution is seeking a thirty-year prison sentence for a mother accused of poisoning her two daughters. One of them, aged 18, died as a result. The defendant, who has been on trial since the end of November before the Landes Assize Court, has insisted that she is not responsible for her daughter's death. She claims her daughter died by suicide after taking a massive dose of medication. The verdict is expected by the end of the day.

Sébastien Lecornu has been seeking to reassure heads of business about the budget as the Prime Minister met today with representatives of the employers union Medef at his offices at Matignon. The Prime Minister has stressed that the real danger lies in not passing a budget. The head of Medef, Patrick Martin said that dialogue during the meeting had been substantial and well-structured.

Emmanuel Macron is on his fourth state visit to China. The President will spend the next three days in Beijing, along with six ministers and 35 French business leaders. Emmanuel Macron has asked his counterpart Xi Jinping, to put pressure on Russia to accept a ceasefire in Ukraine.

And finally, to rugby and the French team now know who it will be up against in the World Cup - Japan, the United States and Samoa. The draw took place this morning in Sydney, ahead of the next Rugby World Cup hosted by Australia in late 2027, where the opening match will be Australia vs New Zealand.