



## The News

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Sébastien Lecornu has invoked Article 49.3 in order to get the budget through the Assemblée Nationale. This is the third time he has resorted to this method since becoming Prime Minister. The final adoption of the state budget is expected on Monday. In the meantime, the Prime Minister has to contend with the votes of no confidence that have been tabled both by factions of the left and by the extreme rightwing party, the Rassemblement National. Without the support of the Parti Socialiste, these votes are unlikely to pass.

Education Minister Édouard Geffray is going to report several establishments to the courts. This comes after an investigation by the magazine Cash Investigation uncovered violence in private establishments and shortcomings in extracurricular activities. Control and sanction procedures have also been launched by the National Education services.

Sandrine Josso visited Nantes University Hospital this morning, alongside the Minister for Gender Equality Aurore Bergé. The two women were onsite to launch an experiment to better detect chemical submission. While an elected representative, Sandrine Josso was drugged by former senator Joël Guerriau, who has since been sentenced to four years in prison, including eighteen months without parole. Today, Sandrine Josso said that following her attacker's conviction, that she deplored the silence of Senate President Gérard Larcher.

A Polish fugitive has been arrested in France after 18 years on the run. The man had been wanted by Interpol for sexual offences and was arrested in Aveyron. The individual was located thanks to an anonymous tip-off on the website that lists people wanted in Europe. He is now awaiting extradition to Poland.

And finally, to tennis and Carlos Alcaraz is the first confirmed finalist of this year's Australian Open. The world number one won his semi-final in a marathon five-set match against Alexander Zverev. During the battle that stretched to nearly five and a half hours, Alcaraz was beset with cramps. Now, the Spanish player has until Sunday to recover when he will play his first ever final match in Melbourne against either Novak Djokovic or Jannik Sinner.