



The News

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Jack Lang has been summoned to the Ministry of Foreign affairs to explain his ties to the convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. The former culture minister will appear on Sunday following requests from the President's and Prime Minister's offices. The President's office apparently wants Jack Lang to "think of the institution" he has chaired since 2013, the Institut du Monde Arabe. On Wednesday, 86-year-old Lang said that he would not be resigning. No charges have been brought against the Lang family. Jack Lang has said that he had been "naïve" and unaware of Jeffrey Epstein's criminal behaviour.

Also related to the Epstein files, France has detected an information attack waged by Russia, intended to convince people of Emmanuel Macron's involvement in the Jeffrey Epstein affair. The President's name does appear several times in the documents released by the US administration, but there are no established links with the sex offender.

An administrative inquiry has ruled 'institutional failings' after the suicide of Caroline Grandjean. The headteacher in the Cantal region took her own life in September after she was the target of homophobic remarks. According to the Ministry of Education, the school failed to provide support to help Ms Grandjean address the conflict with certain parents.

France is opening its consulate in Greenland today. The decision was announced in the summertime after Emmanuel Macron's visit to the autonomous Danish territory currently in the sights of US President Donald Trump. Jean-Noël Poirier will represent France in Greenland, described by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as an 'experienced civil servant'.

And finally, let the Winter Olympics begin! The opening ceremony is coming up this evening and is set to unfold in four locations simultaneously. Two flames will be lit at the same time, one in Milan and the other in Cortina d'Ampezzo.