



The News

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Today has seen a shower of gold, silver and bronze in Milan-Cortina, with team France bagging an impressive haul of medals at the Winter Olympics. Perrine Lafont took bronze in mogul skiing. Lou Jeanmonnot won silver in the women's 15km individual biathlon race. And yet, in that same biathlon event, the day truly belonged to Julia Simon, who despite missing a target at the shooting range, completed the course in just over 41 minutes. This is Julia Simon's second gold of the Games, after a team win in the mixed relay on Sunday. The double victory sees Simon turn the page on controversy that has dogged her for the past four years due to credit card fraud. She was handed a three-month suspended prison sentence and a €15,000 fine as well as a month-long suspension from the French Ski Federation.

France's highest court, the Court of Cassation has upheld the dismissal of charges against police officers involved in the case of the death of Adama Traoré. The decision sees the end of a decade-long legal battle over who should be held responsible. Adama Traoré died in 2016 while in custody at a police station in Val-d'Oise. His family insisted that the circumstances of his arrest were suspicious. Today, the lawyer representing Adama Traoré's family said that he would take the case to the European Court of Human Rights, stating that the court decision was 'scandalous' and 'protected the gendarmes from punishment'.

In another court hearing today, the legal counsel for the extreme rightwing party, the Rassemblement National insisted that there had been 'complete transparency' when it came to the European parliamentary assistant jobs that are now under scrutiny.

And finally, the oldest citizen of France and the second oldest person on the planet, Marie-Rose Tessier has died. Marie-Rose Tessier was 115 years old when she passed away in a nursing home in Les Sables d'Olonne.