



The News

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The Assemblée Nationale showed tribute to the victims of the war in Ukraine, as today marks four years since the start of the conflict. The President of the lower house, Yaël Braun-Pivet, hailed the “heroic resistance” shown by Ukraine. Members of parliament then got to their feet and gave a minute-long round of applause to the Ukrainian ambassador who was present. This afternoon, during another meeting of the Coalition of the Willing, Emmanuel Macron said that he is “very sceptical” about the possibility of “peace in the short term” although he does believe that it is good to continue the initiative of peace talks.

The funeral of Quentin Deranque was held today, ten days after the young nationalist activist died of the injuries he had sustained when beaten by a group from the far left. This morning, Emmanuel Macron asked the Ministry of the Interior to launch proceedings to disband five local branches of the extreme left wing militant organisation, the Jeune Garde.

The last 40 days have seen unprecedented weather conditions in parts of France, with the arrival of several storms leading to non-stop rain since January 14th. Two départements remain on red alert for flooding: Maine-et-Loire and Charente-Maritime.

The Asian retail platform SHEIN will be opening retail points tomorrow in several cities across the country, including Limoges, Angers, Dijon, Grenoble, and Reims as part of branches of the department store, BHV. SHEIN’s focus is primarily online sales, with some of the platform’s business practices causing controversy with the shift to its first physical retail point in Paris last year.

And finally, to football and the play-off return legs of the Champions League, there are four matches tonight that include last season’s finalists, Inter Milan. The Italians are playing at home to Norway’s Bodo Glimt after suffering a 3-1 loss in the first leg. That match gets underway at 9pm.