



The News

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The adjutant chef Arnaud Frion from the French Armed Forces was killed yesterday in Iraq, during a drone strike on a Kurdish base near Erbil. Over the course of nearly twenty years of service, the married father of one had been deployed to numerous countries, including Mali and Afghanistan. This afternoon, Emmanuel Macron paid tribute to Arnaud Frion and condemned the circumstances of his death as “an unacceptable attack.” The President said that he “would not speculate” on the matter of French retaliation.

Meanwhile in Iraq, six Americans were also killed in an aircraft crash in the west of the country. The US military says that the aircraft was not shot down.

As French citizens who had been in parts of the world affected by the current conflict in the Middle East continue to arrive back on home soil, the government is ensuring that medical care is available on the repatriation flights. The national reserve of volunteer healthcare professionals has been mobilised for the next month.

As the municipal election campaigns reach the final stretch, today in Nice a former police officer is facing charges for possible ties to the individuals who were charged last Friday for leaving a pig’s head outside the home of city Mayor, Christian Estrosi. The Horizon party representative, who is running for re-election, said that he had been the victim of “an absolutely despicable act of manipulation”.

Finally, to football and Olympique Marseille will play host to Auxerre tonight to kick off the 26th matchday of the Ligue 1. Tomorrow, Lens, currently second in the standings, will play away at Lorient at 5 p.m.