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Some have called it the trial of the century. Six years after the Paris attacks, the hearing of the November 13th attacks will begin today. The trial will last almost 9 months, with more than 1,800 plaintiffs, 330 lawyers, and a case file that spans a million pages. Unprecedented in scale, it took two years to prepare for the high-security proceedings. Twenty people on trial stand accused. Of these, 14 will be present at the hearing. The six absent people will be tried in absentia. The 2015 attacks at the Bataclan and not far from the Stade de France in St-Denis left 130 dead and several hundred wounded.

Among the accused is Salah Abdeslam, the only attacker who is still alive. He has just been taken from his cell at Fleury-Mérogis prison to be escorted to the courthouse. A high security escort, numerous police officers, and dozens of CRS trucks are at the trial scene.

In Marseille, a man suspected of having struck a police officer during an anti-narcotics operation was arrested this morning. He is accused of having struck the officer last Monday, who was in the process of arresting a young person for drug trafficking. The suspect will be heard in court. The police officer received 10 stitches in his head and 7 days of rehabilitation therapy.

Also in the news, two people were killed and two others injured in two unrelated shootings in Marseille. One of these shootings took place near the Bouge school where Emmanuel Macron had gone on Thursday for the start of the school year.

The health pass is still rolling out in shopping centers. As of today, only 64 have yet to apply this measure, against 178 so far. This concerns departments where the rate of incidence is greater than 200 per 100,000 inhabitants, mainly in the South-East of France and in Seine-Saint-Denis.

And finally, a victory for the blues in the football. More than 6.8 million viewers followed the success of the French team, who won 2-0 against Finland last night. The next match will be on October 7, in the semi-final of the League of Nations against Belgium.