[FR] CNews given formal notice over editorial treatment of book on Crépol tragedy

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Arcom received a referral in connection with the CNews broadcast in March 2025 of around twenty sequences devoted to the book *Une nuit en France*, relating to the tragedy that took place in Crépol in November 2023, during which a teenager was killed at a party. A judicial investigation is still underway into the homicide and attempted homicide by an organised gang. Some politicians and the media put forward the hypothesis of an anti-white racist crime, an interpretation criticised in the book, which led to the contentious sequences in which the book was described as a "rewrite" or as "revisionist".

Arcom notes that most of the broadcasts relayed a single interpretation of the facts, centred on the theory of a racist crime, presented in an unambiguous and peremptory manner. With regard to the handling of an ongoing judicial procedure, comments asserting a racist motive were made on numerous occasions, without appropriate safeguards, in disregard of the requirements of moderation, rigour and honesty, as well as the presentation of the different possible theories , as set out in the decision of 18 April 2018 and the channel's broadcasting licence.

In addition, these comments were not moderated on air, which constitutes a breach of the obligation to control the airwaves.

Arcom is therefore giving formal notice to the CNews broadcaster to comply with its obligations.

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