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Unions marched in the streets this afternoon all over France, at 200 meeting points. Protesters are demanding better wages, and oppose the unemployment insurance reform. In Marseille, a procession of several thousand people at the end of the morning. In Grenoble, the demonstrators were 1,400, according to the police.

Jean Castex has promised to act on fiscal leverage if necessary, as energy prices skyrocket. A tariff shield is already planned until April. The Prime Minister might intervene on taxes if international gas prices do not fall in the spring.

After the hostage-taking at Condé-sur-Sarthe prison, the detainee has finally surrendered. The prisoner took two guards hostage in the morning. After releasing one hostage, he continued to resist until around 2 pm, before surrendering. The man is serving a life sentence for murder and rape. The Minister of Justice, Eric Dupond-Moretti, is on site at the moment.

The anesthesiologist Frédéric Péchier is in a critical condition after a suicide attempt. The practitioner is suspected of poisoning 24 patients, including 9 fatal cases. According to his lawyers, Frédéric Péchier threw himself from a window of his parents' building, in the suburbs of Poitiers a few days ago. He is currently in intensive care.

Pope Francis has expressed his "immense sorrow" after the shock report of the Independent Commission on Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church. The report tells us that 216,000 minors have been victims of sexual violence by priests or religious leaders since 1950 in France. The person responsible for the report, Jean-Marc Sauvé, calls on the Church to provide financial compensation to all the victims.

And finally, the Nobel Prize in physics has been awarded to three researchers, a German, an Italian, and an American-Japanese. They have been awarded for their work on complex physical systems. Two worked on physical modeling of the Earth's climate linked to global warming.