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The Assemblée nationale adopts the 1st part of the 2022 budget. This first part notably includes the famous "tariff shield" announced by the government to contain the rise in electricity and gas prices. For electricity alone, the state's revenue loss will amount to 5.1 billion euros next year. The State has also promised to access their resources to counter the rise in the price of fuels. Announcements are expected by the end of the week.

MPs started debating the bill last night to allow the government, among other things, to enforce the health pass until summer 2022. The text has already aroused the anger of the opposition. Elected officials from both the right and left criticize it as a blank cheque, as well as "a state of exception" that is becoming the norm.

Also in the news, a man confessed yesterday to having sent death threats and a photo of Samuel Paty to two Marseille teachers. The man is a craftsman, in conflict with the couple following work carried out at their home.

The Cour de Cassation is now examining the request for the release of Boualem Bensaïd, the attacker in the RER B in Paris in 1995. He was sentenced to life imprisonment, but after 25 years his lawyers can now apply for parole.

Another trial begins today, that of the sextape of Mathieu Valbuena. Five people including Karim Benzema are tried before the criminal court of Versailles for complicity in attempted blackmail.

Former President François Hollande is publishing his new book today entitled "Confronter", in which he attacks his successor at the Elysée. He describes Emmanuel Macron as a traveler without a compass, changing opinions according to events.

And finally, strong winds expected this evening over the North and West of France. Morbihan, Finistère, and the English Channel are placed on an orange weather warning. In these departments, the west wind will blow up to 120 km/h by the sea.