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Jean Castex will be the guest of the 8 o'clock news on TF1 this evening to announce measures to protect the purchasing power of the French against the increase in fuel prices. It may be a check for those who drive to work every day. The idea of reduced taxes is supposedly not the preferred option for the government.

Ten months of a suspended prison sentence and a 75,000-euro fine were requested against Karim Benzema in the Mathieu Valbuena sex-tape case. Against the four other defendants, the public prosecutor requested suspended sentences ranging from 18 months to four years. The trial ends tomorrow.

Gérald Darmanin wants to facilitate filing complaints for domestic violence. According to the Minister of the Interior, "The quality of treatment of such offenses must be a priority". In a telegram addressed to prefects, Gérald Darmanin asks that victims be received at any time of the day or night, in a police station or gendarmerie.

There are no trains between Paris and Normandy until tomorrow morning, as announced by the SNCF following damages caused by the storm. Trees are currently blocking the tracks. Meanwhile, Enedis agents are on site to restore power. Half of the homes now have electricity, but 120,000 others remain in the dark.

Also about rail traffic: disruptions are announced for tomorrow on the TGV Atlantique because of a strike. Tomorrow, 1 TGV out of 10 will be canceled. The strike will then gain momentum since this weekends, 1 TGV Atlantique out of 3 will not be running. Railway workers are asking for better working conditions.