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Nicolas Sarkozy refused to answer the judge's questions this afternoon during his hearing for the Elysee polls case. According to the former head of state, his summons is "unconstitutional " and he exercise his right to presidential immunity. In this case, several of his former collaborators, in particular Claude Guéant and Patrick Buisson, are being prosecuted for favoritism and concealment of favoritism, as hundreds of surveys were ordered without a call for bids.

It is the turn of the defendants to speak at the trial of the attacks of November 13. The personalities of the 14 defendants were discussed and Salah Abdeslam was the first to speak today. Then it will be the turn of Mohamed Abrini, who is suspected of having actively participated in the preparation of the attacks. They both risk life in prison.

500 euros per month in exchange for training is the principle of the youth engagement contract announced by Emmanuel Macron. The measure is intended for 16 to 25 year-olds who are neither employed nor in training, and who are not students. The measure will be implemented on March 1st. At least 400,000 people will be involved with this contract during its first year.

The Conference of Bishops of France opened in Lourdes, one month after the shocking revelations of the report on child crime within the Catholic Church. This report will be the main subject of the first day of the conference. On Friday, the bishops will welcome witnesses and victims who are invited to speak in plenary assembly.

A first step forward was taken at the COP26: More than 80 countries are committed to reducing their methane emissions by 30% by 2030. The European Union and the United States have signed the agreement. Methane is a powerful greenhouse gas that is responsible for around 30% of global warming since the Industrial Revolution. The gas is emitted in particular by agriculture and livestock.