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Today is the last day of the congress of mayors of France. Since Tuesday, nearly 10,000 elected officials have gathered at Porte de Versailles in Paris. This afternoon, Emmanuel Macron will deliver a speech at the end of this 103rd congress in front of a thousand mayors received at the Elysée.

The 5th wave of the coronavirus epidemic is here. The confirmation came yesterday from Gabriel Attal. France now has more than 7,600 people hospitalized because of the disease, including 1,300 in intensive care. For the moment, the executive is relying on vaccination and the health pass to avoid re-containment.

Elsewhere in Europe, the regime is being tightened. In Belgium, where the health situation is deteriorating, wearing a mask is once again compulsory, as is teleworking for jobs that allow it. In Germany, Munich Christmas market has been canceled.

Two days after its adoption by the Assemblée Nationale, the law on animal abuse arrives today in the Senate. The text aims to stop the use of animals in circuses in the medium term, but also and above all to reduce the abandonment of domestic animals.

Another bill examined today is one to "recognize" and "repair" the harki tragedy. After fighting alongside the French army during the Algerian war, Harkis were left to fend for themselves, despite earlier promises from the French. The text asks for forgiveness and aims to compensate for the damage. This bill also recognizes the poor conditions of the 90,000 harkis who fled Algeria after its independence.

In the United States, a new complaint has been filed against Alec Baldwin for dangerous behavior. The actor who shot a fatal shot on the set of a movie last month is accused of not having respected the safety rules by a member of the crew.

And finally, good news for those who have an iPhone. From next year, Apple will give its users access to more than 200 spare parts for iPhone 12 and 13, such as defective batteries or screens. The service will be launched first in the United States.