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After its final debate last night, the right opens this morning in Congress, which will choose its candidate for the next presidential election. There are 5 candidates: Valérie Pécresse, Michel Barnier, Xavier Bertrand, Eric Ciotti, and finally Philippe Juvin. The results will be declared on Saturday at 2:30 pm, at the end of a four-day ballot, which promises to be extremely close.

A first since last April: 47,000 new contaminations were recorded yesterday in France. Another worrying figure is the incidence rate, which exceeds 300 cases per 100,000 inhabitants nationally, and even crosses the 400 mark in fifteen French departments.

The World Health Organization yesterday unveiled new recommendations concerning the pandemic. It advises those over 60 and unvaccinated vulnerable people to avoid travel to high-risk areas. In addition, the WHO says it is not convinced by the various restrictive measures at the borders. They do not believe these measures will prevent the spread of the new Omicron variant.

School bullying is at the heart of debates in the Assemblée Nationale. The deputies must today examine, in a first reading, a bill against this scourge, which affects one in ten students. This bill is carried by the deputy of the Modem of Finistère Erwan Balanant. The text proposes to introduce an offense specific to school bullying, with penalties of up to 10 years in prison and a fine of 150,000 euros.

New details on the circumstances of October's tragedy in the United States, when Alec Baldwin accidentally killed a member of the crew during a film shoot. Hannah Gutierrez-Reed, the film's armourer, was questioned by the police, and she confessed to investigators that she had not properly checked the weapon used by the actor, a revolver that was assumed harmless but which had live ammunition inside.

Today is World AIDS day. An alarming 12 million people worldwide are living with the disease and not receiving treatment. The objective is to end HIV as a public health threat by 2030.