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After his conviction, his resignation: The Minister for Small and Medium-sized businesses, Alain Griset, resigns after being sentenced today to six months in prison for "incomplete or false declaration" of his financial situation. Alain Griset appealed the court's decision.

Emmanuel Macron is currently in Vichy, where he warns against any "manipulation" of History, an allusion to the controversy launched by Eric Zemmour when the now presidential candidate had, a few weeks ago, claimed that Marshal Pétain had saved French Jews.

A new vaccine adapted to the Omicron variant could be marketed as early as March by Pfizer-BioNTech. The two groups nevertheless specify that their current vaccine remains effective against the new variant, but after three doses.

Meanwhile, France bans dancing in bars and restaurants for four weeks starting tomorrow and nightclubs will shut down until January 6. The government promises nightclub owners a substantial compensation with the support of fixed costs.

A knife attack project was foiled by the DGSI. Two radicalized men were arrested at the end of November in the Paris region, then indicted and convicted for terrorism. They had planned to kill passers-by before Christmas and die as martyrs. Several frequented places had been targeted including shopping centers, universities and even crowded streets.

After the United States and Australia, the United Kingdom in turn decides on a diplomatic boycott of the Beijing Winter Olympics. No member of the government will go there to protest against human rights abuses in China, in particular against the Uyghur Muslim minority.