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Emmanuel Macron takes full responsibility for the controversial statement he made in the newspaper *Le Parisien* this week. The Head of State had indicated that he wanted to annoy the unvaccinated". A way to sound the alarm he said this afternoon at a press conference in Paris on the French presidency of the European Union. He added that "When some endanger the lives of others, I cannot accept it".

2 teachers' unions are calling for a strike in schools next Thursday. They want to denounce the very difficult situation caused in particular by a health protocol which continues to change - Protocol which has been lightened this morning after only 4 days of its entry into force.

Elected officials and left activists have begun a hunger strike, including Pierre Larrouturou. He wishes to challenge the presidential candidates of his party and convince them to participate in a popular primary. The idea was initially proposed by the Mayor of Paris Anne Hidalgo but so far, no other candidates have responded favorably. Neither Jean Luc Mélenchon, nor Yannick Jadot.

Also in the news, a tragedy unfolded in Fréjus. A man was beheaded this morning after a fight with another individual in an apartment. The alleged murderer surrendered on his own before being placed in custody. The30-year-old man is well known by the police for several offenses.

There has been an unexpected development in the Benjamin Mendy case: The French footballer was released on bail this afternoon. Accused of several rapes and sexual assaults, he had been imprisoned in England since the end of August. He will be tried this summer.

And then a Hollywood legend has passed away. The actor Sidney Poitier, known for his roles in the films "Guess who's coming to dinner?" or "In the heat of the night". He was also one of the pioneers of the struggle for civil rights and the first black man to receive the Oscar for best actor in 1964 for "Le Lys des champs ". Sidney Poitier was 94 years old.