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A call to strike is launched by teachers' unions in primary schools for next Thursday. They want to protest the health protocol currently in place - a protocol which has been slightly lightened this morning, as announced by the Minister of Education Jean-Michel Blanquer. From now on, students will no longer have to take three tests if a new case arises in the class.

More focus on the environment and more social justice, is the course set by Emmanuel Macron for the French presidency of the European Union. The Head of State mentioned earlier during a press conference the projects he wishes to set up. For the occasion he received in Paris the members of the European Commission, including its president, Ursula von der Leyen. She was delighted that the voice of France will carry the values of Europe within a delicate context.

The price of private health insurance companies will increase this year by 3% on average according to a study unveiled by *le Parisien*. This increase is mostly due to the numerous treatments which have been postponed during the multiple lockdowns.

Regarding the crisis in Kazakhstan, President Tokayev authorizes the police to open fire without warning against the population to put an end to the riots. 26 demonstrators were killed according to local authorities.

Should we stop the Dakar 2022? The question is asked by Jean-Yves le Drian. The Minister of Foreign Affairs is worried about the safety of the race and the pilots after the explosion of a vehicle on December 30. The National Antiterrorist Prosecutor's Office has opened an investigation for attempted murder.

And then watch out for snow and ice in eastern France. Moselle and Meurthe et Moselle are placed under orange weather alert. The first snowflakes are expected this evening. Up to 10cm of snow are expected in some places, warns Meteo France.