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After 9 years of military intervention against the jihadists, Emmanuel Macron is expected to formalize the withdrawal of French troops in Mali in a press conference this morning. The President of the Republic could also announce the redeployment of Barkhane in neighboring countries to continue the fight against terrorism in the Sahel.

A Bulgarian nationalist MEP has been filmed giving a Nazi salute. He made the gesture during a European Parliament debate on the rule of law in Poland and Hungary. This has been condemned by the President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola, and could give rise to a sanction.

In France, an unexpected support for the Left's Ségolène Royal. The former Minister of Ecology Jean Luc Melenchon calls for a vote for the candidate of France Insoumise. According to him, this "more solid" candidate is doing much better in the campaign than the others.

And, two months before the presidential election, Nicolas Bay has decided to join Eric Zemmour's party. The now ex-campaign spokesperson for Marine Le Pen, says that he "deeply believes in the project" of the polemicist. The announcement comes soon after he was suspended by his party, who accuses him of having transmitted strategic information to Eric Zemmour.

The tariff shield for gas, extended to 5 million households, was announced yesterday in a press release by Jean Castex. The Prime Minister indicates that from now on, residents of condominiums and tenants of HLM swill be able to benefit from this temporary freeze on gas prices. Households will not have to take any steps to benefit from this compensation.

And in the Beijing Winter Olympics, Kevin Rolland has qualified for the halfpipe final, which will take place on Saturday. Disappointment on the other hand for Romane Miradoli, who will not win a medal in the combined slalom.