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Ukrainian government websites are victims of cyberattacks. The platforms of the Ministries of Defense, Foreign Affairs and Interior are all saturated with an excessive number of connections. These cyberattacks take place within a context of extreme tension between Ukraine and Russia. The UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres, believes that the world is facing "a moment of peril".

His declaration of candidacy is quickly approaching. Emmanuel Macron is expected to declare himself as a candidate sometime next week and hold a first campaign meeting in Marseille on March 5 - The day after the deadline for the submission of the 500 sponsorships to the Constitutional Council.

At the same time, the associations of local elected officials refused the invitation of Jean Castex. They had been invited to meet the Prime Minister tomorrow, to discuss this question of sponsorships as several presidential candidates are struggling. The associations believe that the government should have addressed the issue earlier.

And it was a request from many associations: The legal deadline for abortion will go from 12 to 14 weeks in France. MPs will validate the measure this evening. The objective is to respond to the lack of practitioners and the gradual closing of abortion clinics. Each year in France, around 2,000 women cannot have an abortion because they have exceeded the legal deadline of 12 weeks of pregnancy.

And Sanofi announces positive results for its vaccine against Covid. Associated with the British GSK, the company indicates that its vaccine is 100% effective against severe forms and hospitalizations. Sanofi and GSK will soon request the regulatory approval of their product in the United States and in the European Union. A vaccine that is nearly a year late, following multiple postponements.

And then a major discovery was made by French and Jordanian archaeologists! They found in Jordan a 9,000-year-old site dedicated to rituals. It could be one of the oldest human structures in the world. According to Jordanian authorities, this is a spectacular and unprecedented discovery.