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Emmanuel Macron addressed the French armies last night, calling on them to be vigilant and remain restrained. The Head of State referred to the Russian offensive in Ukraine as "the most serious and uninhibited of demonstrations of power by the Russian regime since the end of the USSR". The president expressed his confidence in French soldiers during this moment of high tension.

Before that, Emmanuel Macron exchanged with Vladimir Putin. During the 1h30 telephone conversation, the French president asked his counterpart to spare civilians and to secure roads in Ukraine. Putin confirmed his desire to engage in these two points. According to the Elysée, the head of state, however, judged the head of the Kremlin to be determined and locked in a logic of confrontation.

Meanwhile, the clashes continue. Kiev was targeted by new missile fire during the night. At least 11 civilians also lost their lives in Kharkiv, Ukraine's second city located on the border with Russia. Yesterday Russian and Ukrainian delegations met for the first time, but failed to agree on a ceasefire. A second round of talks is expected in the coming days.

The SNCF will allow Ukrainian refugees to travel free of charge on long-distance trains in France. This announcement was made by Minister of Transport Jean-Baptiste Djebbari in an interview with La Provence. Poland, Germany, and Austria have already taken similar measures.

Also in the news, the indicators of the Covid-19 epidemic continue to decline. Just over 25,000 people are still hospitalized in France. Daily hospitalizations have fallen by 25% in one week. 232 deaths have been recorded in the past 24 hours.

And finally, TF1 and M6 wait for the green light from the authorities for their merger. The two groups will separate from two television channels. TFX and 6ter will soon be sold to Altice, a group which already owns BFMTV, RMC Découverte, and RMC Story.