



## The News

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On this 6th day of the Russian offensive in Ukraine, the attacks are intensifying, particularly in Karkiv, according to local authorities. In addition, the battle for Kiev is preparing. A convoy of armored vehicles and military trucks which extends over several kilometers is currently on its way to the Ukrainian capital. The army is calling for Kyiv residents living near Ukrainian intelligence infrastructure to be evacuated.

The war in Ukraine is also on the agenda at the National Assembly. Jean Castex condemned Russia's cynical and premeditated aggression. The Prime Minister also recalled France's full support for Ukraine and its President Volodimir Zelensky. The latter had earlier asked Europe for help in a videoconference speech before the European Parliament, asking that his country be part of the EU. "Without you, Ukraine will be alone" he said.

From a humanitarian point of view, 12 million Ukrainians will soon need help according to UN estimates. For now, over 660,000 people have fled Ukraine. Several countries are preparing to welcome them in Europe, including in France. The Minister of the Interior Gérald Darmanin invited all elected officials to help set up an accommodation system in the coming days.

Gérald Darmanin also wanted to reassure the population that the presidential and legislative elections will not be disrupted. Less than two months before voting begins, the risk of a cyberattack from Russia is very high according to the executive. A meeting on this subject will be held on Friday.

And a few changes will take place starting today: For example, the payment of alimony has been made easier since today thanks to a new service offered by la CAF. And lunch vouchers will remain at 38 euros until the end of June to support the restaurant industry.

And then which village will be named favorite village of the French? 14 are competing this year and is up to you to vote starting today and until March 22 to designate who will succeed Sancerre in the Cher.