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The seventh day of the Russian offensive in Ukraine. After intense bombardments that left 18 dead in Kharkiv yesterday, the city was the scene of clashes on the ground, and Russian troops landed by air in the night. Yesterday evening the sirens also sounded again in Kiev. Yet the resistance seems to hold firm. The advance of the Russian army towards the capital is for the moment at a standstill, according to the Pentagon.

The United States will also ban its airspace to all Russian flights. Joe Biden officially announced this during his State of the Union address to Congress last night. The American President did not hesitate to qualify Vladimir Putin as a dictator, underlining the isolation of Russia, but also the courage of the Ukrainian people.

Meanwhile, international pressure on the Kremlin is not weakening. European Union member states have agreed to exclude several Russian banks from the Swift system, and other measures could be taken in the coming days. The sanctions are already being felt in Russia, and the ruble has lost 30% of its value.

In the rest of the news, the United States advises its nationals to avoid Hong Kong. Washington evokes drastic measures applied in the city to fight against Covid-19. Some children who tested positive have been separated from their parents. The circulation of the virus continues to decline in France, with nearly 80,000 new cases in the last 24 hours. At the national level, the incidence rate has fallen to 590 per 100,000 inhabitants.

Marine le Pen, Eric Zemmour, and Nicolas Dupont-Aignan validate their 500 sponsorships. The presidential candidates have until Friday 6 pm to present their signatures to the Constitutional Council. If you plan to vote in the elections, the deadline to register online is today, and the deadline is March 4th in the town halls.

And finally, familiar voice actor Dominique Paturol has died at the age of 90 years. He was known for being the French voice of JR Ewing in the "Dallas" series.