



## The News March 2<sup>nd</sup> 7pm© by Noele Bouazouni-Prier

We just learned the passing of Jean-Pierre Pernaut. The former presenter of the 1 p.m. TF1 newscast suffered from cancer. He was 71 years old.

Emmanuel Macron will speak this evening at 8. He had committed to inform the French of the progression of the conflict at the beginning of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. It is therefore as the chief of army that he will express himself.

On site, the Russian attacks are intensifying, particularly in Kharkiv, the second largest city. In total, since the beginning of the conflict, more than 2,000 civilians have been killed, according to emergency services.

Seven Russian banks are excluded from the Swift financial messaging system but the European Union spares two establishments linked to hydrocarbon sales. The measure will be effective from March 12. EU member states gave the green light to the sanction last night, after several days of negotiations. Meanwhile Boris Johnson accuses Russia of 'war crime' in Ukraine because of the weapons used against civilians. British Prime Minister asks the UN to demand a Russian withdrawal.

Also in the news: Yvan Colonna is in critical condition. The Corsican independence activist, sentenced to life, was attacked by another inmate of the prison of Arles, in the Bouches-du-Rhône. His attacker is a jihadist, sentenced to nine years in prison for criminal association with terrorism.

She failed to submit 500 sponsorships, Christiane Taubira therefore withdrew her presidential candidacy. The former minister, supported by the popular primary, announced this at midday. It is worth noting that Christiane Taubira is strongly opposed to the sponsorship system.

And to finish: if you are not yet registered to vote, it is now or never! You have until midnight tonight to do so on the internet and until Friday by mail.