



## The News

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A third session of discussions between Russia and Ukraine might take place this weekend, according to the Ukrainian presidency. The last talks took place yesterday in Belarus. With the exception of the creation of humanitarian corridors, no major agreement was reached.

As a result of this conflict in Ukraine, European natural gas exceeds 200 euros per megawatt hour, which is a first, as supplies from Russia could be affected by possible economic sanctions.

He didn't mince his words. According to Laurent Wauquiez, Emmanuel Macron is "the model of a president who is both monarchical and dictator". The president of the Auvergne-Rhône Alpes region said this today during a large gathering of elected *Republicains*, in Chartres. Laurent Wauquiez then backpedaled on Twitter, conceding that the term "dictator" was not suitable in the current context.

After the formalization of his candidacy, Emmanuel Macron receives the support of Martine Vassal. The president of the departmental council of Bouches-du-Rhône, believes that the head of state is "the only one who can give hope to the French". Following this public support, Martine Vassal was immediately excluded from *Les Républicains*.

Gilles Simeoni calls for a parliamentary commission of inquiry into the aggression of Yvan Colonna. The President of the Executive Council of Corsica says he has no confidence in the administrative investigation. The independence activist was violently attacked in prison and is still in a coma. In Ajaccio, sailors continue to block a ferry with gendarmes inside. On the other hand, the other passengers of the ship were able to get off.

The annual collection of the *Restos du Coeur* begins today. Until Sunday, 70,000 volunteers from the association will be present in hundreds of stores to collect food and hygiene products. The association foresees an increase in requests due to the war in Ukraine.

And then we're off to the Paralympic Games in Beijing. The opening ceremony took place with the flag bearer of the French delegation, Benjamin Daviet. The tricolor skier will be competing in his third Games. France has set the objective of bringing back around twenty medals.