



## The News

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Three adults have died, and three children are injured after the explosion of an anti-personal mine in the north of Kiev. These civilians were all in their car. This is the first time since the beginning of the conflict that Ukrainian authorities mention deaths linked to anti-personal mines. These devices are prohibited by international law. Ukraine also accuses Russia of not respecting the humanitarian corridor in Mariupol: A six-year-old child died of dehydration under the ruins of her House.

How will France deal with the consequences of this war in Ukraine? Jean Castex receives social partners today to discuss the content of the resilience plan - the central issue being the rise in energy prices and cereals. Laurent Berger, the general secretary of the CFDT, calls for targeted measures for purchasing power. The plan will be coordinated at the European level. The Minister of Economy, Bruno Le Maire, assures that Europe has solutions to become independent of Russian gas.

Meanwhile, the United States intends to ban imports of Russian oil. The embargo will be announced by US President Joe Biden. The White House speaks of actions "aimed at sanctioning Russia for its unjustified and unprovoked war against Ukraine".

An internet platform was set up to guide French people who wish to host Ukrainian refugees. It was launched this morning by the government. The site [parrainage.refugees.info](http://parrainage.refugees.info) offers to connect individuals with associations. Since the beginning of the conflict, France has welcomed 5,000 Ukrainians.

Eric Zemmour is accused of inappropriate behavior and sexual assault by eight women, as revealed by Mediapart investigation. Some of these women speak in front of the camera. They denounce events that allegedly took place between 1999 and 2019. The entourage of the presidential candidate speaks of a "pathetic" stunt of Mediapart.

And to finish, today is March 8. International Women's Rights Day. For the occasion, feminist collectives are calling for rallies throughout France. They wish to advance the cause of women by appealing in particular to the presidential candidates.