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Russia's attacks on Ukraine have been continuing as the war reaches its 14th day. North of Kyiv, three people died after anti-personnel mine exploded. In Sumy, 21 people died in bombing that took place on Monday. This morning, another ceasefire has been ordered to take effect from 8am French time in order to evacuate civilians safely.

The United States and the United Kingdom have banned the import of Russian oil and gas. Europe has expressed its desire to get rid of its long-term dependence on Russian gas, even if cutting off the supply is not a viable option right now. The 27 countries of the European Union will be meeting at a summit in Versailles tomorrow and Friday to decide on a strategy for energy independence at European level.

In France, the government is preparing to present a Resilience Plan next week for all companies affected by the war in Ukraine. The news came from the Prime Minister's office at Matignon last night at the end of a meeting between Jean Castex and representatives of the sectors concerned, along with the social partners. With fuel prices on the rise, the government may also introduce a new inflation allowance.

With just a month to go until the first round of the presidential election, Eric Zemmour's campaign could already be in tatters. According to the website Médiapart, the far-right candidate has been accused of inappropriate behavior and sexual assault by 8 women. And for the first time, some of them have spoken on camera, in a 36-minute video.

The funeral of Jean Pierre Pernaut will be taking place in Paris today a week after the journalist passed away to cancer. A religious ceremony will be held at 11am in the basilica of Saint Clothilde for the household favourite who presented the 1pm news on channel TF1 for so many years.

And finally, to football - Paris Saint Germain will be playing away to Real Madrid this evening, in the round of 16 of the Champions League. So far, the Parisians are 1-0 up after the first leg thanks to a goal from Kylian Mbappé. The French striker has been suffering from an injury sustained during training, but he keeps his place in the line-up tonight. The second leg of Real Madrid against PSG kicks off at 9pm.