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Emmanuel Macron warns Russia that Europe will take new massive sanctions if the war continues. After the Versailles summit, the Head of State assured that the EU will defend Ukraine "till the end". A plan is going to be put in place so that Europe can get out of the energy dependence with Russia by 2027. Measures to support consumers will also be implemented. In addition to economic measures, the European Union commits to further isolate Russia diplomatically.

Meanwhile, France now has over 10,000 refugees from Ukraine. In total, more than 2.5 million people have fled the country since the beginning of the war, according to the latest count of the United Nations. Refugees continue cross the borders, to Poland in particular. On the front, Vladimir Putin wishes to facilitate the sending of voluntary fighters. The Russian president is also appealing to the Syrians who would like to fight alongside Russian forces, as Russia has been providing considerable military support to the Syrian regime for years.

Fabien Roussel is targeted by an investigation for suspicions of fictitious employment. The communist candidate was recently implicated in a Mediapart investigation. Accused of having occupied for five years a position of parliamentary attaché with no evidence of actual work. He has always denied these accusations.

Jean Castex announces that the status of "particularly reported detainee" of Alain Ferrandi and Pierre Alessandri will be lifted. The two Corsican members of the commando who assassinated the prefect Erignac in 1998 may be transferred to Corsica. The Prime Minister speaks of a gesture of appeasement as tensions are high in Corsica since the attack on Yvan Colonna in prison.

And the French rugby team is on the field tonight to face Wales in Cardiff for the penultimate match of the six nations tournament. The game begins at 9 o'clock.

And to finis, Météo France places the departments of Aude and Hérault under orange weather alert for rain and flooding due to the arrival of a Mediterranean episode, atypical for this season. Strong accumulations are expected.