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The war in Ukraine continues on this, the 20th day of the conflict. For the moment, the capital Kyiv is resisting, but for how long. Strong explosions were heard this morning in the city center. Yesterday, an attack targeting a building left two dead and a dozen injured. Bombardments are also intensifying in Kharkiv, Mariupol, and even in the western city of Rivne, where 9 people lost their lives after shootings at a television tower.

The International Court of Justice will give its verdict tomorrow in the procedure launched by Kyiv. As a reminder, the Ukrainian government asked the highest court of the UN to order Moscow to stop its invasion of Ukraine. Russia refused to appear last week.

In the rest of the news, Yvan Colonna's lawyers are going to request a suspension of his sentence before the Paris Sentence Enforcement Court. They justify this request by invoking the state of health of their client. The Corsican independence activist, sentenced to life for murder, is still in a coma after being attacked by another detainee in Arles prison on March 2nd.

For the first time since February 2017 the value of the index point, which is used to calculate renumeration of civil servants, will be unfrozen before the summer. This announcement was made by minister Amélie de Montchalin. This revaluation will concern 5.5 million public officials. We do not yet know the amount.

And finally, weather warnings in the South-West. The Haute-Garonne and Le Tarn have an orange alert for strong winds. Gusts of 100 to 120 km/h are expected locally.