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Jean Castex has just presented the resilience plan. The resilience plan is the government's solution to respond to the economic consequences of the war in Ukraine. The measures announced include financial aid for companies whose gas and electricity expenses represent at least 3% of their turnover. As for fishermen, they will receive 35 cents per liter of fishing diesel, from tomorrow morning until July 31. Finally, a discount of 15 cents per liter of fuel will be extended to vehicle natural gas and LPG.

Gérald Darmanin is in Ajaccio for a two-day visit, where the situation remains tense after the attack on Yvan Colonna in prison. Gérald Darmanin wishes to appease tensions and open discussions, in particular on the question of autonomy. In parallel with this ministerial visit, the FLNC showed its support for Yvan Colonna and the youth who sounded the revolt.

Contaminations with the coronavirus will continue to rise for a fortnight in France. This is what the Minister of Health Olivier Véran predicts, after projections of the Institut Pasteur. We may reach, at the end of March, 150,000 contaminations per day before a decrease.

And as the epidemic continues to spread, the flu is also on the rise. According to Santé Publique France, within one week, a 95% increase in consultations for flu-like symptoms were reported. And there has been a 64% increase in hospitalizations following a visit to the ER. All age groups are affected by this rise, whether for consultations or hospitalizations.

East Japan was hit by a 7.3-magnitude earthquake, depriving two million homes of electricity. A tsunami warning has been issued, which affects a large part of the northeastern coast.

And then in tennis, Gael Monfils will play tomorrow in the round of 16 at the Indian Wells tournament. He will face the Spaniard time Carlos Alcaraz.