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Three weeks after his attack, Yvan Colonna died yesterday in a hospital in Marseille. This Corsican independence activist, sentenced to life in 1998 for the assassination of Claude Érignac, had been in a coma since March 2nd after being violently attacked by a fellow prisoner in Arles. His attack has led to demonstrations in Corsica over the past few days. A gathering of high school students is planned this morning at 10 am in Ajaccio.

In Ukraine, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said he was ready to discuss the Donbass and Crimea with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin. The objective is to find a compromise to "stop the war". However, any compromise over these territories will have to be ratified by Ukrainians in a referendum, and accompanied by security guarantees for his country, he said.

For their part, France, the United States, Italy, the United Kingdom, and Germany have coordinated their efforts to welcome Ukrainian refugees fleeing the war. Yesterday evening, 20 sick Ukrainian children suffering from cancers and leukemia arrived in France to be treated. This operation is "a first" and "there will be others", indicated the Minister of Health Olivier Véran.

Abroad, two women were killed yesterday in a stabbing attack at a high school in Malmö, Sweden. The victims were school employees. An 18-year-old student was arrested.

In France, Orpea is ever more in turmoil. A preliminary administrative investigation report published yesterday confirms the savings made by the group of private nursing homes thanks to public money. According to this report, Orpéa is primarily pursuing a budgetary performance objective that contributes to the poor quality of life and care of residents. A full report should be submitted at the end of the week.