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Accusations of war crimes have been stacked against Russia after the bodies of more than 400 people were found in occupied areas north of Kyiv. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has said that Russia's leaders should be held responsible for "murders" and "torture". Russia denies all charges and in turn has accused the Ukrainians of fabricating photos and videos. Russia has called for a meeting of the UN Security Council.

In the meantime, the UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres has called for an investigation while the international press in Washington, Paris, Berlin and London has denounced "atrocities" and "war crimes". The head of French diplomacy Jean-Yves Le Drian has reiterated that the strongest possible economic and international pressure must be maintained and reinforced.

A peak in energy consumption is expected this morning as the cold snap continues across the country. The public is being called on to limit their use of electronic devices.

After a near catastrophic year for farming in 2021, now farmers fear for the loss of their crops due to frost. Prime Minister Jean Castex has asked the Minister of Agriculture to roll out the system for farming emergencies.

And finally the Grammy Awards took place last night in Las Vegas. Album of the year went to Jon Batiste, who is a rising star in jazz. Bruno Mars and his group Silk Sonic bagged song of the year with their hit Leave the Door Open.