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No rest for the presidential finalists Marine Le Pen and Emmanuel Macron, who today embark on their travels. The RN candidate will today address the issue of democracy and the exercise of power during a press conference in Paris. Yesterday she was in the Yonne with farmers, where she discussed purchasing power. Marine Le Pen is receiving a makeover for this second round, with a new poster and a new slogan, "For all French people".

For his part, Emmanuel Macron is expected in Alsace. Yesterday during a trip to the north, in his opponent's territory, he said he was ready to reconsider the postponement of the starting age of retirement from 65 years old, as initially planned in his program, to 64 years old.

In parallel, the greens and the communists have been targeted in Nantes. The word "traitor" was tagged on the premises following the announcement of the results of the first round on Sunday evening. The window of the local ecologists has also been smashed. The premises of the PCF were also targeted by acts of vandalism in Lille. The two parties have filed a complaint.

In the rest of the news, Mariupol is ready to fall. This city in the south east of Ukraine, besieged by Russian forces since the beginning of the war, will not last much longer. This was announced yesterday by Ukrainian troops, who explain they have a lack of ammunition. Part of the port city is already occupied by the Kremlin army.

There is also concern in the Donbass. A Russian offensive seems imminent in this strategic region in the east of the country. The spokesman of the Ukrainian Ministry of Defense announced yesterday that the troops from Moscow had almost finished their preparation, adding that the attack will take place very soon.

And finally, the Haute Garonne and Le Tarn still have an orange weather warning for strong winds. Last night, gusts of up to 120 km/h were recorded. The wind is going lessen during the morning and vigilance should be lifted at around 3 pm this afternoon.