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TV day for the presidential candidates. Emmanuel Macron is on the set of France 2 this morning and will be on TF1 tonight at 8 pm. Before that, Marine Le Pen is expected at BFM TV. The National Rally candidate will also give a press conference on diplomacy and foreign policy this afternoon.

An investigation has been opened by the Paris prosecutor's office against Reconquest. Eric Zemmour's party is suspected of having used files that recorded the religious affiliation of certain French people. Last Friday, thousands of SMSs were sent to defend the program of the presidential candidate to French people of Jewish faith.

The growth forecast for the French economy for the first quarter is + 0.25%. This figure was revised downwards yesterday by the Banque de France, which forecast a 0.5% increase in GDP. This has come as a result of the war in Ukraine and its repercussions, in particular on industry.

The ongoing war in Ukraine. More than 20,000 people have been killed in Mariupol according to the city's mayor. In Boutcha and in the Kyiv region, the authorities list at least 720 dead; 200 people are also missing. Yesterday, US President Joe Biden qualified for the first time the actions of Russian troops as "genocide".

Polytechnique is in turmoil. The famous Parisian school is said to be the breeding ground for numerous instances of sexist and sexual violence, according to a survey carried out by the establishment. One in four female students claims to have been a victim of sexual assault since attending. Between 2018 and 2021, 11 young women have suffered rape or attempted rape.