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Emmanuel Macron and Marine Le Pen faced off in a marathon 3 hour televised debate last night. No stone was left unturned, kicking off with purchasing power. Macron says he will enable companies to provide bonuses of up to 6,000 euros a year that they will not have to pay any social contributions on. Le Pen says she will encourage companies to raise employee wages by up to 10% by exempting them from social contributions. Macron said that he didn't want people to think that their wages would rise by 10%.

Otherwise, Le Pen said that she would not support blocking Russian oil and gas as she claims it would do no harm to Russia but vast harm to the French people. Macron accused Le Pen of being dependent on Putin and taking a loan from Russia. Le Pen accused Macron of being a climate hypocrite and of destabilizing the nuclear sector, while Macron claimed there was no way out of the use of fossil fuels that relies solely on nuclear and that Le Pen's strategy was unworkable.

In the war in Ukraine, the evacuation corridor from Mariupol did not work. This is what the Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister tells us. She accused the Russians of having violated the ceasefire and blocking the buses out of the area.

A complaint has been filed against unknown persons for the damage done to Sorbonne university. The complaint was lodged by the rectorate of Paris a week after students occupied the Paris university. The teaching staff has reported broken doors, broken windows and graffiti.

And finally to football - yesterday saw 10 matches on day 33 of the Ligue 1. Paris Saint Germain are not yet the winners of the French league despite a 3-0 win over Angers. This is because Marseille managed a 3-2 win against Nantes. In the meantime, yesterday proved a huge disappointment to Lyon after losing to Brest 2-1. Lyon are currently 8th in the standings so yesterday's result almost saw them kiss goodbye to hopes of European qualification.