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The singer of the Eagles of Death Metal spoke today in court. Jesse Hugues, who performed with his group at the Bataclan on November 13 2015 has testified at the trial of the attacks before the special court of Paris. The trial resumed this morning after a week of interruption. The singer spoke about the concert, the noise of the bullets, the fear, the escape with his fiancée and the other members of the group. He then concluded with the sentence "'You can't kill rock'n roll".

Today was a busy day for the new prime minister. Elisabeth Borne has had lunch with Emmanuel Macron at the Elysée. They undoubtedly discussed the question of the constitution of the new government. She spoke this morning at the assembly with MPs of the majority. She said: "The task ahead of us is immense" and confirmed that she was maintaining her candidacy for the legislative elections in Calvados and insisting on the need for the Head of State to have the largest possible majority in the election.

Emmanuel Macron has been meeting with Ukrainian President Volodimir Zelensky from 4 p.m. They are most likely discussing the evacuations of Ukrainian soldiers from the Azovstal factory in Mariupol.

Unemployment is almost stable in France, according to the INSEE, which has just published the figures for the first quarter of 2022. Unemployment was at 7.3% throughout the period, it was at 7.4% throughout the last quarter of 2021. It is now at its lowest since 2008.

And everything is ready in Cannes, the mythical red carpet was installed this morning on the steps of the Palais des Festivals. At 7 p.m., the opening ceremony of the 75th edition of the Cannes Film Festival will begin with a new film by Michel Hazanavicius, "cut!".

And we'll finish with sports: The second league playoffs begin tonight. An important event for both Toulouse and Ajaccio. Tonight Paris FC receives Sochaux. The winner will challenge Auxerre on Friday and whoever wins in this second match will then be opposed in the play-offs next week, to the 18th in Premier League.