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President Macron is visiting Cherbourg today and will be meeting healthcare workers who have been calling for reform. The head of state has announced a one month measure to review emergency departments many of whom are overwhelmed and some of which have had to be closed. At the end of this period in July, there will be a health conference to address the current issues.

Four days after crowds of football fans overran the Stade de France, the Interior Minister Gérald Darmanin and the Sports Minister Amélie Oudéa-Castéra will meet today. They will question the shortcomings in the organisation of the Champions League final where supporters without tickets or carrying fake tickets, forced their way into the stadium.

The war in Ukraine continues with Russian troops now gaining ground in the east of the country. They have succeeded in seizing a large part of the strategic city of Severodonetsk, a city "90% destroyed" by airstrikes according to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky. In support of the Ukrainian fight, the United States has announced that they will provide more advanced rocket launcher systems and ammunition.

As a direct consequence of the war in Ukraine, inflation is increasing rapidly in France. Over the course of the past year, consumer prices have increased by 5.2% according to INSEE. In an interview with Le Figaro, Bruno Le Maire is counting on an exit "from the peak of inflation" by the end of 2023. The Minister of the Economy also confirms that help for purchasing power will be maintained "for as long as the sudden increase in energy and food prices lasts".

And finally to tennis news at Roland Garros. Rafael Nadal, the king of the clay court, has qualified for the semi-finals after beating another favourite, Novak Djokovic in 4 sets. He will now take on the German player Alexander Zverev.