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The heat wave across France is intensifying. After the high temperatures recorded yesterday, the heat will continue today. In particular, this affects the south-west and along the Atlantic coast. Temperatures of 40 degrees are expected at Mont de Marsan, 38 degrees in Toulouse, and 37 degrees in Bordeaux. This spell of extreme weather is likely to last until the beginning of next week.

There were no surprises last night at the National Assembly when the motion of censure against Elisabeth Borne was rejected by MPs. This process has been of a strategic nature for NUPES supporters. "Those who will not vote on this motion of no confidence, will be the supporters of your policy", was the declaration of Mathilde Panot, the leader of La France Insoumise to the Prime Minister.

NUPES are still furious after the revelation of the relationship between President Macron and Uber. Documents have been uncovered which question how certain deals took place. The Head of State is said to have helped the firm to settle in France when he was Minister of the Economy. Left-wing MPs are demanding the opening of a parliamentary inquiry.

Nestlé has apologized after the Buitoni scandal. In an interview with Le Figaro published last night, the company's boss spoke to the families of children who fell ill after eating frozen pizza. Christophe Cornu also announced the creation of a support fund for the victims. Two children lost their lives after contracting E. Coli.

The Donetsk embassy will be inaugurated today in Moscow. The separatist Ukrainian region will have its own diplomatic representation in the Russian capital. Yesterday, Vladimir Putin extended the measure which facilitates access to Russian citizenship for all Ukrainians. This includes simplifying the procedure which until now was only accessible to the inhabitants of occupied territories.

And finally to an historic moment as described by the president of the French astronomy society Eric Lagadec, on Twitter as he reacted to the first image taken by the James Webb space telescope. There is now the possibility to observe dozens of galaxies, some of which are 13 billion years old. "Never have humans had the chance to see the universe like this", explained the astrophysicist. Other images will be unveiled tonight by Nasa.