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Russia sent in a deadly airstrike to Ukraine yesterday, coinciding with the country's national holiday. The strike hit a railway station in central Ukraine. About 50 people were also injured. August 24th is the date that Ukraine celebrates its independence day, commemorating its separation from the USSR in 1991. Yesterday also marked 6 months since Russia invaded Ukraine.

Emmanuel Macron is leaving on a three-day visit to Algeria today in an effort to improve relations between the two countries. The President is expected in Algiers today on the first part of a trip to settle several months of diplomatic quarrels. These include how to remember the war in Algeria, the current war in Ukraine and Algerian gas.

It looks like there will be no improvement on the inflation front before the start of 2023. Minister of the Economy Bruno Lemaire gave the forecasts yesterday on channel France 5. Consumer prices rose 6.1% year on year in July, according to the office for national statistics, INSEE.

A state of natural disaster has been acknowledged in Corsica in the aftermath of the deadly storms of August 18. 5 people were killed on the island. Minister of the Interior Gérald Darmanin had pledged this recognition as well as the implementation of a "one-stop shop" so that companies affected by the storm can receive their insurance payments very quickly. Gérald Darmanin also announced that an investigation would be opened by Civil Security into why the weather alert was announced so late.

Consumer association UFC has issued an alert with a week to go until the country's schools go back after the summer break. In a test, UFC found the presence of toxic substances in 40% of the school supplies analysed. The 36 items in question, ranging from coloured pencils to ink cartridges, were carcinogenic and contained allergenic compounds.

And finally to football, we will find out the program of the Champions League later today. The evening draw will take place at 6 p.m. in Istanbul in Turkey. French teams Paris Saint Germain and Marseille will get to know who their opponents will be for the group stage.