



## The News

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The government is launching a Defence Council devoted specifically to addressing the energy crisis. A meeting on the subject will be chaired by Emmanuel Macron on Friday at the Elysée Palace. At the heart of discussions will be the supply of gas and electricity for the winter, while facing the risk of energy shortages due to the war in Ukraine. The topic came up yesterday at a meeting of entrepreneurs from across France when Elisabeth Borne outlined how company bosses will have to save energy to avoid cuts. The Prime Minister called on each company "to establish its own plan in September". An initial assessment will be made at the beginning of October.

Drivers are taking a new hit at the petrol pumps with another increase in the price of diesel. At 11 cents more per litre, it's the biggest jump since the beginning of June. The average price is now €1.95.

In Brittany, the lifeless body of a 16-year-old teenager has been found in front of his family home in Ile-et-Vilaine. The victim showed signs of having been beaten. His stepfather, a 34-year-old American, was taken into custody on suspicion of intentional homicide.

Moscow has announced that it has "prevented" the advance of Ukrainian soldiers who have launched a counter-offensive to try to recover the city of Kherson. This city in the south of the country has been under Russian control since the beginning of the conflict. Russia claims to have inflicted "heavy losses" on Ukrainian soldiers.

As one of the major consequences of global warming, there is a chance that the melting of the Greenland ice cap could have been underestimated according to a study published in the journal, Nature Climate Change. They write, "Even if global warming stopped, it would lead to a rise of more than 27 centimetres in sea level by 2100".

And finally to tennis and the US Open where Serena Williams has not yet had to put away her tennis racket. The American, who announced her retirement at the end of the

tournament, has qualified for the second round. In terms of the French contingent, Caroline Garcia is also through but it's over for Diane Parry and Hugo Gaston.