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"A man of peace" were the words used by Emmanuel Macron and another tribute from Jo Biden: "A rare leader". These are just some of the comments about Mikhail Gorbachev, the last leader of the USSR who died yesterday at the age of 91. He came to power in 1985, and won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1990 for having initiated the economic, cultural and political freedoms of the Soviet Union.

The long-awaited visit by a team from the International Atomic Energy Agency saw them arrive in Ukraine yesterday and welcomed by the Ukrainian Head of State, Volodymyr Zelensky. They will visit the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant which has been occupied by Russian troops for weeks. While on site, members of the IAEA will have to ensure the security of the plant during the current war situation.

One of the main consequences of the war in Ukraine is the energy crisis. The Gazprom group announced that it was going to completely suspend its gas deliveries to Engie from Thursday. Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne however, indicated that Engie had "found other sources of supply" without specifying from where. The Prime Minister, who also spoke last night on TMC, has assured that households will not be affected by possible gas cuts and that only businesses may be impacted.

Moroccan imam, Hassan Iquioussen is on the run. He has been implicated for anti-semitic comments and remarks contrary to gender equality, and cannot be found after a search of his home in Louches in the Nord. A few hours earlier, the Council of State had validated his expulsion from France.

In a new video shared on social networks, Mathias Pogba denies having tried to extort his brother, the French footballer Paul Pogba. He also claims that the French midfielder had resorted to "witchcraft", spending "millions of euros" to protect himself from injury. Paul Pogba has brushed aside these accusations before the investigators and accuses his brother of extortion.

And finally in tennis news and an impressive win for Alizé Cornet at the US Open. The French player eliminated defending champion Emma Raducanu in 2 sets in the first round.