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The purchasing power of households is expected to drop by 0.5% this year, according to the INSEE. This is a significant decrease but less sharp than what one might have thought, as prices are soaring. The INSEE points out that the French benefit from the revaluation of the Smic which took place on August 1. In addition, the 4% revaluation on July 1 of many social benefits and the exceptional back-to-school bonus are without a doubt a boost for purchasing power.

Olivier Véran promises reinforced resources for the police. The government spokesperson discussed this afternoon the security bill presented to the Council of Ministers. The text provides for 15 billion additional euros; the objective being to strengthen the human resources of law enforcement. In 5 years, 8,500 police and gendarme will be added to the already existing manpower.

An investigation has been opened in Marseille after a double homicide took place in the district of Panier. A man stabbed to death his mother and his wife, before being arrested by the Raid. The first elements of the investigation do not report any psychiatric problems that could explain such a sudden surge of violence.

The president of the UDI Jean-Christophe Lagarde is in police custody, as part of the investigation into the false accusations against Alexis Corbière and Raquel Garrido. The couple of MPs of *la France Insoumise* was wrongly accused by the newspaper *Le Point* of having exploited an undocumented cleaning lady. It was Jean-Christophe Lagarde who allegedly revealed this false information to a journalist.

And then 13 departments are still under orange weather alert for thunderstorms: From Ain to Hérault via Var and Alpes-de-Haute-Provence. The storms may be accompanied by hail and strong gusts of wind. In the Gard, the prefecture has asked that the children leave class at the beginning of the afternoon.