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The mayor of Saint-Etienne is out of police custody. Gaël Perdriau was heard for part of the day in an intimate video blackmail case targeting his former first deputy Gilles Artigues. He was heard with four other people. This video would have made it possible to put pressure on Gilles Artigues to dissuade him from a possible dissidence. Because of this affair, Gaël Perdriau will be excluded from the Republicans.

A citizen consultation on the end of life has been announced by the Elysée. It will begin next month to deliver its conclusions in March. The key is a possible law at the end of 2023. In its opinion published today, the Ethics Committee judges that active assistance in dying could apply in France, but under certain strict conditions.

Good news for our wallet. French banks have agreed to cap their prices for 2023, with a 2% increase no more. This was confirmed by Bruno le Maire. The Minister of the Economy describes this measure as "a shield on bank charges". Banks have also undertaken to reduce charges for the most vulnerable.

Be careful if you plan to fly on Friday. Air traffic controllers will be on strike in France. The General Directorate of Civil Aviation is asking airlines to cancel one flight out of two.

Charles III is visiting Northern Ireland. The new British sovereign continues to travel through the four nations of the United Kingdom. Meanwhile, in Scotland, the British crowd by the tens of thousands to gather in front of the coffin of Elizabeth II on display in Edinburgh. The Queen's remains will be transferred to London in the late afternoon.

Emmanuel Macron deploras the loss of a "national treasure". The Head of State reacts to the death of Jean-Luc Godard. The Franco-Swiss filmmaker has died at the age of 91. With more than a hundred films in his 60-year career, Jean-Luc Godard has left his mark on cinema, through the new wave.

And finally, six departments have been placed on orange alert for thunderstorms, including the Ardèche, Bouches-du-Rhône, Drôme, Gard, Hérault, and Vaucluse. Thunderbolts are expected tonight, and violent thunderstorms are also expected in some places, accompanied by violent gusts of wind and hail.