



## The News

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The fires burning in the Gironde are spreading and since Monday, 3,200 hectares have been burnt in the Médoc region. The fire broke out in Saumos, near Lacanau where more than 800 inhabitants have had to be evacuated. An investigation has been opened to determine the origin of the fire, with the possibility that it was started intentionally.

France is having to face up to the energy crisis and Elisabeth Borne will be speaking about plans to mitigate concerns at a press conference this afternoon. The Prime Minister will take stock of our gas and electricity supplies, and will discuss the future of the price cap which ends on December the 31st. The government has nevertheless promised that any rise in gas and electricity prices would remain "contained".

Price increases overall could be higher than expected. The Ministry of the Economy has revised its inflation forecast for 2022 and predicts a 5.3% increase, versus the 5% forecast to date. This has also been revised upwards to 4.3% in 2023, as opposed to the 3.2% previously forecast.

Emmanuel Macron has asked Azerbaijan to "return to respecting the ceasefire" with Armenia. During a telephone interview, the French president asked his Azerbaijani counterpart to put an end to hostilities as a matter of urgency. In recent days, new clashes have broken out in Nagorno-Karabakh resulting in the death of over a hundred soldiers.

They were thousands of Britons in the streets of London last night as they came to pay tribute to the late Queen. The coffin of Elizabeth II has arrived in London to cheers and applause and as of today will lie in state until her funeral next Monday.

And finally to football news. Marseille lost 1-0 last night at home against Frankfurt during the 2nd day of the group stage of the Champions League. Scenes of violent clashes took place in and around the stadium during which 14 people were arrested. 3 police officers and 1 German spectator were injured. Tonight, PSG travels to Israel to take on Maccabi Haifa. Kick-off is at 9 o'clock.