



## The News

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The government is taking action to help the French in the face of rising energy prices. Elisabeth Borne gave an overview yesterday afternoon at a press conference. Among the Prime Minister's announcements were a price cap which will be extended at the beginning of 2023, any increase in gas and electricity prices will be limited to 15%, and exceptional energy vouchers of between €100 and €200 will be paid by the end of the year to 12 million of the poorest households. This is dependant on income.

The fire in the Gironde has been contained but not fully extinguished. It broke out in Saumos, near Lacanau and has destroyed nearly 3,700 hectares since Monday. More than 1,800 inhabitants have been evacuated. Criminal involvement has not been ruled out.

Mathias Pogba has been taken into custody. The brother of French footballer Paul Pogba is accused of "organized kidnapping", "criminal conspiracy to commit a crime" and "extortion". Four other people were also arrested and placed in police custody. Paul Pogba has spoken several times to investigators to explain how he has been trapped by childhood friends trying to extort €13 million from him. He has claimed that his brother, Mathias, is among the blackmailers.

Creating a queue of more than 8km, hundreds of thousands of Britons made their way to Westminster where the coffin of Queen Elizabeth II is lying in state until the day of the funeral. The President of the Republic, Emmanuel Macron, has announced that he will be present at the late monarch's final tribute.

And finally to sport. PSG have come up with the goods in the Champions League, winning 3 goals to 1 last night against Maccabi Haifa. The Parisians won thanks to goals by Messi, Mbappé and Neymar. With 2 wins in 2 games, the capital's club is first in its group tying with Benfica.

In basketball, the French team qualified for the semi-finals of the Euros. The blues won yesterday in the quarter-finals against Italy, 93 to 85 after extra time. Vincent Collet's men will play Poland tomorrow for a place in the final.