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Minister of the Economy, Bruno Le Maire unveiled his draft budget for 2023 yesterday. His outlook includes a price cap to help French citizens face the increase in energy prices, the recruitment of 10,000 civil servants and the revaluation of teachers' salaries. Another new measure was presented yesterday by the government on the financing of Social Security.

Two men, including a 17-year-old, are suspected of having raped a woman in Nantes and were placed in pre-trial detention yesterday. The attack allegedly took place on Saturday in the city centre, while the 40-year-old victim was walking to a friend's house. She has been hospitalized, after having received numerous injuries. The two men face a 20-year prison sentence if found guilty.

France condemns the "violent repression" of demonstrations in Iran where at least 76 people have been killed in recent days during protests challenging the obligations imposed by Iranian religious authorities. These protests followed the death of a 22-year-old woman, killed because she did not hide her hair enough under her veil.

Emmanuel Macron is travelling to the United States for a visit to the White House. The French President will travel on December the 1st to meet his American counterpart, Joe Biden. His last visit to Washington dates back to April 2018, where he had been welcomed by Donald Trump.

NASA has successfully completed a hugely ambitious mission. The DART probe which was sent into space to crash into an asteroid located 11 million km from the earth, has hit its target. The spacecraft hit the asteroid in the early hours of the morning at 22,000 km/h to divert its trajectory. The purpose of this mission was to test the capability of dealing with a possible threat from an asteroid hitting planet Earth.

And finally to rugby where Zach Mercer has been voted best player in the Top 14. The English third row from Montpellier was rewarded last night and succeeds the Toulouse player Antoine Dupont, who himself was voted best French international player.

