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## The News

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Negotiations with Russia are out of the question as long as Vladimir Putin is in power. This statement was made this evening by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenski, who also asks for his country's accelerated accession to NATO. A reaction which follows the speech of the Russian President pronounced a little earlier today. The Russian president formalized the annexation of 4 Ukrainian regions, before openly attacking the West, in particular the United States.

In France, Emmanuel Macron was in Pau this morning to meet with the mayor François Bayrou and show unity. The president of the MoDem had severely criticized these past days the method of the head of state about the pension reform - to the point of annoying the Elysée. However, François Bayrou said today that "there has never been a falling out". One of the heavyweights of the majority has moreover multiplied the accolades with the President, who came to inaugurate a new cultural center in his city.

Bruno Lemaire attacks energy suppliers. According to the Minister of the Economy, giants such as EDF and ENGIE are not willing to sufficiently play along to guarantee reasonable prices for individuals and businesses. They are therefore asked to make more efforts. A meeting is also scheduled next Wednesday at Bercy to have them sign a code of conduct.

She asks for the return of masks in public transportation. The proposal is signed by Brigitte Autran. The president of the new Committee for monitoring and anticipating health risks affirms that the 8th wave of COVID has arrived in France. However, there is no reason to worry according to her, despite the increase in cases of contamination recorded in almost all departments.

And to finish, inflation has slightly slowed down in September and is at 5.6% against 5.9% in August. The figures published today by INSEE point out soaring prices in the food sector, with an increase of more than 10% in September.