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The management of Total Energies is asking to lift blockages to oil depots to allow the CGT to take part in negotiations this afternoon alongside other unions. In the meantime, the government is maintaining the threat of requisitions. Orders are ready for two Esso depots but also for a Total Energies depot near Dunkirk. This announcement has fuelled the anger of employees and now the Donges refinery in the Loire Atlantique has decided to join industrial action. Strike action also started again this morning by Esso employees in Normandy.

The mayor of St Etienne has been definitively excluded from the Republican Party. This exclusion was announced yesterday after Gaël Perdriau was allegedly involved in a sex tape blackmail case. A judicial inquiry has been opened following the complaint. In mid-September, 3 people had already been placed in police custody in relation to this case.

Excavations in the Ardennes have been unsuccessful. The new search operation carried out over the past two days has not found the body of little Estelle Mouzin. The 9-year-old girl had been kidnapped and killed by Michel Fourniret in 2003 in Guermantes in the Seine-et-Marne. Monique Olivier, the wife of serial killer, was present at the search and will be further questioned today.

The death toll is continuing to increase in Venezuela. A hundred people so far are known to have been killed by a landslide as announced yesterday by President Nicolas Maduro. The disaster took place on Saturday in Las Tejerias, in the centre-north of the country. About forty bodies have been recovered to date but emergency services have stated that they no longer have any hope of finding other missing people alive.

And finally to football, where PSG will have to wait to qualify for the knockout stages of the Champions League. They were held back by Benfica last night in a 1-1 draw.