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Emmanuel Macron has called on both unions and management involved in the current fuel crisis to take responsibility for their actions. The president was last night's guest on France 2's brand new politics show "L'Événement". Although Macron claimed that the situation would return to normal by next week, there are still long wait times in queues to buy fuel as the personnel conflict in the refineries continues.

Unions for Total Energie walked away from the discussion table yesterday, refusing the proposal from executives that they lift blockades on fuel depots. Unions have also refused the request at ExxonMobil for four striking workers to ensure the running of the site at Seine-Maritime.

Workers in nuclear power plants are also going on strike with unions calling for better pay. The strikes have no impact on production, but could lead to delays in restarting reactors under maintenance. In order for there to be no impact on the country's power this winter, all reactors must be able to be put back into service quickly.

Emmanuel Macron has called for Putin to return to the discussion table regarding the war in Ukraine. The president also announced on TV last night that France would be dispatching anti-aircraft missile systems to Ukraine to counter missile attacks.

There's potential progress to be made on pension reform today as Elisabeth Borne will be meeting the chairpersons of the dedicated parliamentary groups. The prime minister has set out to draft a bill before the Christmas holidays come round. The controversial new bill could be adopted by next summer.

There are alarming findings in a report published by animal rights charity the WWF today - our planet has lost an average of nearly 70% of its wild animal populations since 1970. The steep decline is due to the destruction of natural habitats for farming land, overexploitation and poaching.

And finally to football and last night saw a second win in the space of a week for OM. Marseille won away last night against Sporting Lisbon with a final score of 2-0.