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Elisabeth Borne has renewed the government's call to end the strike at Total. The Prime Minister who was a guest on TF1 yesterday announced an improvement in service stations during the week. The 30-cent rebate at the pump will also be extended until mid-November.

Another announcement from Elisabeth Borne: The government should make good use of article 49.3 to pass the 2023 budget. Article 49.3 would allow Borne to unilaterally pass any bill concerning financial or social security issues. The debates around the text will continue today in the Assemblée nationale. More than 2,000 Amendments must still be examined before Wednesday, particularly the restoration of the ISF. The Prime Minister specified that the recourse to article 49.3 should not intervene today.

A difficult tool to use in a tense social climate. An interprofessional strike is planned tomorrow against the requisitions of refineries and to demand a rise in wages. Yesterday, between 30,000 and 140,000 people also demonstrated in Paris against the high cost of living and climate inaction.

Also in the news, a police officer has been arrested after the death of a motorist who was fatally shot on Friday evening in Paris while trying to escape control. The official is accused of intentional violence resulting in death. The investigation had initially been opened for intentional homicide. The other police officer who had also opened fire was released without prosecution.

New explosions in Kyiv were heard this morning in the Ukrainian capital. For their part, the 27 Foreign Ministers of the European Union are meeting today in Luxembourg. They must act on a mission that aims to train 15,000 Ukrainian soldiers on EU territory. Europe has also provided 500 million euros in additional aid for the supply of weapons.