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A meeting pertaining to the fuel crisis took place this afternoon at the Elysée. The Head of State wants this situation "to be resolved as quickly as possible" and promises to "do the utmost". Around Emmanuel Macron was Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne, but also the other ministers concerned. This morning the strike was renewed at 5 sites of TotalEnergies; the government requisitioned the Feyzin fuel depot, in the Rhône, and that of Mardyck, near Dunkirk.

Tomorrow's strike will especially affect trains. According to the Minister of Transport Clément Beaune, in certain regions, only one in two trains will be running. At the RATP, the movement should be limited to a few disturbances on the buses and the RER.

Two suspects are placed in pre-trial detention in relation to the investigation into the death of Lola. The 12-year-old girl was found in a trunk in the 19th arrondissement of Paris. A judicial investigation has been opened for rape committed with acts of torture. The main suspect, a 24-year-old marginal woman, was filmed by CCTV cameras in the company of the victim.

The State is sentenced to pay two new 10-million-euro fines due to its shortcomings in the fight against air pollution. The Council of State, seized by associations for the defense of the environment, regrets that the limit thresholds for air pollution by nitrogen dioxide are still exceeded in several places, in particular in the conurbations of Paris, Lyon and Marseille.

Temperature records were broken this morning in several cities of France. For example, it had never been so hot in October in Montauban, with 20.9 degrees. Other records were broken in Aude, Vienne, Charente, Creuse and even Corrèze. Temperatures are expected to remain high at least until Wednesday.

And then will Karim Benzema win the *Ballon d'Or*? The French footballer is the big favorite of the ceremony organized this evening, in Paris, at the Théâtre du Châtelet. Benzema had a flawless season, winning the Spanish championship and the Champions League with his club Real Madrid.