



The News October 19th, 10am © by Sarah Heath

Strike action will continue today until at least midday. Employees working at Total petrol refineries voted yesterday to carry on protesting today. Plans have been put in place at the different sites to make a decision on the follow-up to the protests. The CGT is still asking for a 10% increase in wages.

And while discussing wages, this was the main demand at yesterday's multi-sector strike after being called onto the streets by unions. Over 107,000 people marched throughout France according to the Ministry of the Interior but 300,000 according to organizers. There were between 13,000 and 70,000 demonstrators in Paris alone.

Right and far-right groups are discussing the murder of young Lola. Several MPs questioned Elisabeth Borne and Eric Dupond-Moretti yesterday in the Assembly about the murder in Paris of the 12-year-old girl. Elected officials denounced the government's migration policy following the indictment of a woman of Algerian nationality who is the main suspect in this case. The Minister of Justice described their reaction as, "Using the coffin of a 12-year-old child as one uses a step, it's a shame".

Temperatures in France will increase by 3.8 degrees by the year 2100. Global warming could be much more serious than expected according to scientists from Météo France and CNRS who have discovered a new calculation method. It shows an estimate up 50% from previous forecasts.

Liz Truss will defend her place in Downing Street in front of the British parliament today during question time. The Prime Minister will face MPs for the first time since the abandonment of her catastrophic mini-budget.

And finally to basketball with the start of a new season of the NBA tonight. The season may soon be marked by a new points record by Lebron James who could overtake Karim Abdul Jabbar as the best scorer in history.