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Two more Total Energie sites are suspending their strike actions, meaning motorists could look forward to an improved situation at the pumps. The sites in Flanders and La Mède are stopping their strikes. The site at Donges ended the strike yesterday. On two other Total Energie sites the strike will continue, in Normandy and in the Rhône. The union the CGT continues to demand a salary increase of 10% .

The left wing alliance Nupes files a motion of censure against the government. The government used the quarante neuf trois article of the constitution to get the first part of the 2023 finance bill adopted. The Nupes alliance says that by doing so the government has shown "contempt for national representation". The extreme right party Rassemblement National also plans to table the same motion. Both motions stand little chance of succeeding due to a lack of support.

The centre right party the UDI no longer has a chairperson. Jean-Christophe Lagarde has left office after defeat in the legislative elections and his name coming up in several legal cases. He is suspected of having granted a fictitious job as a parliamentary assistant to his mother-in-law. Jean-Christophe Lagarde's successor will be elected on December 10.

A man is actively wanted in the Gironde. He is accused of having seriously injured a gendarme after refusing to comply with an order to stop while driving. He dragged the officer for several metres with his car. The Minister of the Interior Gérald Darmanin has deployed the epervier plan to track down the motorist on the run. The gendarme was hospitalised but his injuries are not life threatening.

The country's teachers are exhausted. This is the feedback that has been given to the Ministry of Education from those in the job. Half of teaching staff say they have strong feelings of professional burnout as well as dissatisfaction with their salaries.

And finally to tennis and the return of Caroline Garcia to the Masters. The French player and world number ten has just won her way into the competition which will bring together the 8 best players of the season. The tournament will begin at the end of the month in Texas. Caroline Garcia is on an exceptional streak, having bagged 31 wins in 36 matches.