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'I'm going to make sure we can figure out what exactly happened'. These were Joe Biden's words today after an emergency G7 meeting. The US president considers it "improbable" that the missile which hit Poland was launched from Russia. Two people were killed yesterday near the Ukrainian border and Warsaw has accused Moscow. The Kremlin has denied all accusations. NATO is due to meet urgently today.

Across the Atlantic, former US President Donald Trump has officially declared himself a candidate for the next presidential election. The election is scheduled for November 2024 and could look like a *deja vu*. President Biden has already hinted at his intention to run for a second term, without however filing an official candidacy. This would therefore be heading for the same presidential bid as in 2020.

In France, changes at the cost of fuel will be apparent as of today. The higher rebate at the pumps is no longer being given as government aid goes from 30 to 10 centimes and Total goes from 20 to 10 centimes. These discounts will be in force until the end of the year when more targeted plans will be put in place.

A month after the tragedy, a tribute will be paid to Lola today in Paris. A march is planned in the 19th arrondissement near the building where the 12-year-old girl lived. Lola's body was found in a trunk on October the 14th. A woman has been indicted for murder and aggravated rape.

Hassan Iquioussen still remains in Belgium as it was confirmed yesterday of the refusal to hand over the imam to the French authorities. Iquioussen fled to escape his expulsion from French territory when the French judicial system decided at the end of July to send him back to Morocco for his remarks "inciting hatred and discrimination".

And finally to handball, where the French team dominated Germany 29-21 in the Women's Euros. Olivier Krumbolzh's players will play against Spain tonight, before the semi-finals on Friday.