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The deliberation was pronounced in the case of the Millas bus accident: The driver is sentenced to 5 years in prison, 4 of which are a suspended prison sentence. The sentence is in accordance with the requisitions. The two lawyers for the defendant immediately announced their desire to appeal. As a reminder, the collision between the bus and a TER had caused the death of six children. The court specifies that in view of the expert reports, the level crossing did not present any malfunction, contrary to what the driver had declared.

Emmanuel Macron wants to speed up the thermal renovation of schools. The initiative will be launched in the coming months, as many schools are thermal sieves. The Head of State wants to support municipalities in carrying out the renovation work.

More expensive fares will be implemented at the SNCF, with a 5% increase, on average, from January 10, for TGVs and Intercités. This increase is a consequence of soaring energy prices. *SNCF Voyageurs* intends to put in place a "tariff shield" on the cheapest TGV Inoui tickets. The prices of the *Carte Avantage* and its benefits will remain unchanged.

The COP 27 in Egypt was supposed to end today but is extended until tomorrow.

This extension aims to increase the chances of obtaining an agreement as discussions are going nowhere, in particular on the financing by the rich countries of the climatic damage suffered by the poorer ones.

And in Ukraine, almost half of the energy system is out of order following Russian strikes, according to the Prime Minister. He calls for additional support from the European Union to deal with this situation. These attacks occur during the first snowfall, as temperatures are expected to drop to -10 degrees in the coming days. For several weeks now, Russian bombings have been targeting Ukraine's energy infrastructure.