



The News

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France is a very important ally, says Joe Biden. The American President received Emmanuel Macron at the White House today. The two men are currently holding a joint press conference in Washington. The press conference is the epilogue of a day marked by a grand ceremony during which Emmanuel Macron wanted to recall the friendship between France and the United States.

The French President will end his state visit to the United States tomorrow with a trip to New Orleans.

The other big headline tonight is the risk of power cuts this winter in France. The government has sent a circular to the prefects to take stock of the procedure to follow in the event of high tensions on the network in the coming weeks. During a trip today to Gaillac in the Tarn, Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne indicated that if the French lowered their energy consumption, there would be no cuts.

General practitioners expressed their anger today with a strike that will last until tomorrow. Thousands of doctors' offices were closed throughout France. The movement aims at denouncing their working conditions. The profession is also asking to double the price of consultations from 25 to 50 euro.

And another profession is expressing its discontent, this time at the SNCF. It is the controllers who will strike from tomorrow to demand salary increases. As a consequence, traffic will be very disrupted from tomorrow and until Sunday, with 60% of trains canceled for TGV and Intercités.

And then an unfortunately unusual event will take place this evening at the soccer World Cup in Qatar: The French Stéphanie Frappart will referee the Germany - Costa Rica game at 8 o'clock. She is the first woman to referee a match during a men's World Cup.