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Amid the week of action for the government is tomorrow's meeting of Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne with the unions to discuss the controversial pension reform. Discussions with the social partners will last until Wednesday before the official presentation of the text next week.

The government must also confront the doctors' strike. They have renewed their movement until Sunday to denounce their working conditions. Among their demands are a doubling of the price of consultations from 25 to 50 euros in an already very tense context for hospitals, which are facing flu, the Covid epidemic, and bronchitis. The timing has been criticized by the Minister of Health François Braun.

In Ukraine, at least 63 Russian soldiers were killed yesterday during a strike claimed by Kyiv. Four missiles hit several buildings in the Donetsk region, which has been annexed for 3 months by Moscow. The death toll could be even larger since the Ukrainian authorities have claimed that there are 400 dead and 300 wounded. This would be the heaviest loss recorded by the Russian army in a single attack since the start of the war.

Emotion and contemplation in Brazil, where the entire country bids farewell to its hero, Pelé, who died last Thursday at the age of 82 years. His coffin is exposed in the stadium of the city of Santos, in the club where he played for almost his entire career. A huge vigil is now open to the public with already thousands of people gathered. They will be able to gather until tomorrow, which is the date of the funeral of the legendary footballer.

Deep emotion also for the Catholic community. The remains of former Pope Benedict 16 who died on Saturday are currently on display in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. 40,000 people have already visited the site since this morning, according to the Vatican. His funeral is scheduled for Thursday.