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## The News

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Vladimir Putin orders a ceasefire in Ukraine for tomorrow and Saturday because of the Orthodox Christmas. The Kremlin now wants Ukrainian authorities to do the same. A call for a ceasefire had been requested by the Russian patriarch Kirill so that the Orthodox could attend the services.

Will they be satisfied with today's meeting? Restaurant owners were received by the Minister of Economy Bruno le Maire to discuss the surge in energy prices. According to Bercy, this meeting served to remind them of all the help that exists and to which they are eligible, including the deferment of the payment of taxes and social security contributions.

At the same time, Emmanuel Macron is asking energy suppliers to quickly renegotiate the contracts made with very small businesses. The Head of State said so before representatives of the bakery-pastry industry on the occasion of the traditional *galette des rois*. Emmanuel Macron deplores energy rates that he considers "abusive and aberrant".

Liberal doctors demonstrated this afternoon in Paris at the call of the collective "*Médecins pour Demain*". They have been on strike for ten days to improve their working conditions and demand an increase in the price of consultations. The Minister of Health François Braun mentioned this morning a possible increase in the price of consultations, but not equal to the amount requested by doctors.

Sixty measures to put the justice system back on its feet. This is the meaning of the plan presented this morning by the Keeper of the Seals Éric Dupond-Moretti. The plan provides for an increase of the budget from 9.6 to 11 billion euros in 2027; this increase would make it possible to hire 10,000 justice officials. He also expressed his desire to build 15,000 prison places and to modernize and enlarge law courts.

And then in cycling, the route of the next Paris - Nice has been unveiled. The 81st edition will take place from March 5 to 12.