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75,000 homes are without electricity in the west of France, as a consequence of the storm Gérard. The SNCF traffic is also disrupted in the Pays de la Loire, Ile-de-France and Normandy. Several trains are delayed due to trees having fallen on the tracks. 14 departments are still placed under orange alert for strong winds.

The Minister of Economy Bruno Lemaire unveiled a new project this morning to help the French face the increase of prices. The government, in collaboration with supermarkets, is currently working on an anti-inflation cart, with 20 basic necessities that will be sold at the lowest possible price.

Another aid was put in place today by the government, this time to help low-income drivers. The fuel check is a 100-euro allowance that will be paid from January 27. Drivers must fill out an online form with a sworn statement on the impots.gouv.fr website. 10 million French people are concerned by this aid which is aimed at those who use their car to go to work.

Leaders from around the world and CEOs are meeting today in Davos, Switzerland for the opening of the World Economic Forum.

Still abroad: He was one of Italy's most wanted men. After 30 years on the run, the Mafioso Matteo Messina Denaro was arrested this morning in Palermo. Considered one of the leaders of the Cosa Nostra, the 60-year-old Sicilian has already been sentenced in his absence to life imprisonment for murders.

And then tennis: It was very close for Rafael Nadal in the first set. The defending champion needed 4 sets to win against the young Briton Jack Draper. As for the French, Corentin Moutet and Clara Burel are still in the game. And then huge disappointment for Nick Kyrgios: The Australian will not play in front of his home crowd due to a knee injury.