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The Paris prosecutor's office announces a preliminary investigation for moral and sexual harassment against the president of the French Football Federation Noel Le Graet. Several testimonies these past weeks had denounced his behaviour. An audit requested by the Ministry of Sports is also underway within the FFF. The conclusions are expected by the end of the month. In the meantime, Noel Le Graet has been withdrawn from his post on decision last Thursday of an extraordinary executive committee of the federation.

The Minister of Transport Clément Beaune is already warning that we must expect a difficult Thursday. Many disruptions are expected for the day of mobilization against the government's pension reform project. We will know by the end of the day the traffic forecasts at the SNCF and the RATP. Clément Beaune is already calling on the French to organize themselves to work remotely if they can or postpone their trips.

Spectacular but harmless. The fire which broke out yesterday in a warehouse in Grand-Couronne in Seine-Maritime is contained but not yet fully under control. Lithium batteries caught fire in a 6000 m² warehouse belonging to the Bolloré group. 110 firefighters are still present on site, as indicated by the prefect.

This is a first in 60 years; China, the most populous country in the world with 1.4 billion inhabitants, has seen its population decline. 850,000 fewer inhabitants were recorded last year. This decrease can be explained in particular by the cost of living which has risen sharply in China, but also by the higher level of education of women who now delay their pregnancies. This drop in Chinese demography is expected to last according to a study from the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences. China could see its population cut in half by 2100 according to forecasts.