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Olivier Véran acknowledges that the government's message on the pension reform is struggling to get across. According to the spokesperson for the executive, public mistrust shows that the government still has some work to do to explain itself, especially when it comes to long careers.

Meanwhile, strike movements are being organized today and tomorrow in refineries, power plants, but also ports and docks. According to the CGT, this morning there were 100% of strikers at the depot of Flanders, 80% at the Normandy refinery and 60% at the La Mède biorefinery. For its part, EDF deplors power plants idling with a loss of power. However, these drops in production will not cause power outages.

The ex-keeper of the Seals Michel Mercier is sentenced to three years of a suspended prison sentence. The former minister of Nicolas Sarkozy was found guilty of embezzlement of public funds for having granted fictitious parliamentary jobs to his wife and one of his daughters between 2005 and 2014.

Last year in France, natural disasters cost 10 billion euros, according to the president of France Assureurs. This a record since 1999. It must be said that last year was marked by the intensification of extreme climatic phenomena with hailstorms, storms, floods and repeated fires.

And there is a new testimony for the prosecution against Noël Le Graët. The president of the French Football Federation, who has withdrawn, is the target of criticism from a former collaborator. She denounces heavy sexual allusions. Especially when Noël Le Graët had consumed alcohol. This collaborator, on the other hand, indicates that she has never suffered any inappropriate gestures.

And the return of the night of solidarity: Thousands of volunteers will walk the streets of some forty cities this night to count the homeless. The objective is to better fight the exclusion of the homeless.