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Today is the fifth day of mobilization against the pension reform. This time less people are expected to demonstrate, as we are in the middle of school holidays. "The figures don't matter today" assures Philippe Martinez, secretary general of the CGT who is currently in the Tarn, in Albi, with the head of the CFDT Laurent Berger. He added that this is an opportunity to show that the anger against the reform does not only concern the big cities.

This mobilization therefore causes less disruptions in transportation. At the SNCF, traffic of the TGV and OuiGo network is only slightly affected, with 4 out of 5 trains in circulation. And traffic is almost normal in the Parisian metro. Air transportation is the sector the most affected with 30% of flights cancelled at Orly airport.

Meanwhile, the examination of the bill continues in the National Assembly. The Nupes has withdrawn 90% of its amendments to examine article 7 which on the postponement of the legal age of retirement. Time is running out, the debates will end tomorrow evening at midnight.

The investigation continues regarding the road accident of Pierre Palmade. A second man suspected of having been a passenger of the actor has been placed in police custody. He may allow investigators to better understand the circumstances of the tragedy. A 38-year-old man and his 6-year-old son are still hospitalized in intensive care.

The Lactalis group summoned by the courts today with a view to a possible indictment. The company of Mayenne is the subject of an investigation into the salmonella contamination of infant milk in 2017. About fifty infants had been contaminated and several hundred complaints have been filed.

In Ukraine, new Russian strikes hit the country last night. The bombings killed at least one civilian and caused significant material damage. According to the Ukrainian Air Force, 16 of the 32 missiles launched by Russia were shot down.