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Joe Biden has given his response to Vladimir Putin from Warsaw in Poland. The President of the United States delivered a speech in support of Ukraine last night just hours after the Russian President broadcast his own speech to the Russian nation. The American President gave his assurances that, "Ukraine will never be a victory for Russia", and "Putin will lose against the Ukrainians". Vladimir Putin has accused the West of being responsible for this conflict and that Russia will achieve its goals.

There are new calls for strikes which will bring France to a standstill once again. The proposed date for industrial action is March the 7th and unions, in a joint press release, have expressed their intention to confirm this date. However, as yet, the Intersyndicale, has not confirmed that they are behind a renewed day of protests.

The Pierre Palmade case continues as more evidence comes to light. Yesterday in Bordeaux, a second man has accused the comedian of child pornography, saying he shared evenings with the actor. He told investigators that he had videos showing Pierre Palmade looking up child pornography. The comedian's homes in Paris and the Seine-et-Marne have been searched.

Eric Dupont Moretti has announced an "historic" change to the status of prison officers. The Minister of Justice was traveling to Agen yesterday when he explained that from 2024, prison guards will move to category B within the public service and that officers will move to category A. This reform has been welcomed by prison guard unions.

There has been a new blow for the clothing sector as the Gap has announced that it is suspending its online sales activities for the moment. The brand belongs to businessman Michel Ohayon, who also owns Go Sport and Camaïeu. Shops have been placed in receivership over the past few days.

And finally to football and a stunning victory for defending champions, Real Madrid. The Spanish team were trailing 2-0 after a quarter of an hour but pulled back to win 5 goals to 2 last night against Liverpool. Frenchman Karim Benzema scored twice.

