



## The News

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Emmanuel Macron is insisting that the pension reform reach the end of the “democratic process”. The President has indicated that everything is being done to protect parliamentarians who are being “threatened” by opponents to the reform. The offices of several elected officials in favour of the reform were vandalised over the weekend, including that of the head of the Républicains party, Eric Ciotti in Nice

The two motions of censure that have been filed with a view to bringing down the government cabinet will be examined this afternoon in the assemblée nationale. It seems very unlikely that the bar of the absolute majority to bring down the government cabinet will be reached. The leader of the left wing party la France Insoumise, Jean Luc Mélenchon is calling on unions to continue their industrial action whatever the outcome of today’s vote.

In the lead-up to the massive day of demonstration planned on Thursday, the strike continues today in many sectors, including at the SNCF and at oil refineries. Teachers are also threatening not to invigilate the specialty BAC level exams which start today. This decision is contested by the unions CGT and the CFTD. Philippe Martinez and Laurent Berger are calling on teachers not to disrupt the exams.

In Switzerland, the country's largest bank, UBS, has agreed to buy its rival, Credit Suisse for more than 3 billion Swiss Francs. The buyout is to save the bank, which saw its share price drop last week.

In sport and football, Marseille brought down Reims on day 28 of the Ligue 1. OM won 2-1 last night while playing away, meaning Marseille regain their 2nd place and Reims suffered their first defeat of the year in the league.

And finally a word on formula 1, Sergio Perez was the fastest of them all yesterday in Jeddah. The Mexican driver for team RedBull won the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix yesterday, beating his teammate Max Verstappen. The Dutch driver remains leader overall.