



## The News

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The strategy displayed by the government consists in prioritizing dialogue to hope for a way out of the crisis regarding the pension reform. Since yesterday, Elisabeth Borne has been carrying out consultations. She received early this afternoon the head of the *Europe Ecologie Les Verts*, Marine Tondelier, before talking this evening with the head of PS Olivier Faure. Tomorrow morning, the Prime Minister will receive the inter-union - a meeting which already promises to be very tense since the CFDT as well as the CGT have already announced that they will leave the meeting if the reform was not withdrawn.

And this is a historic increase: The French defense budget will double in 2030 and reach 69 billion euros against 32 billion in 2017. This is one of the announcements made this morning during the Council of Ministers with the presentation of the military programming law. Among the other measures, the age limit for being an army reservist will now be increased to 70 years old, while it was until now between 62 and 65 years old.

In the United States, never has a former American president been criminally charged. Donald Trump is appearing this evening before a New York court. The 76-year-old billionaire is implicated in the Stormy Daniels case. The porn actress he supposedly paid to buy her silence on their relationship. The events date back to 2016, when Donald Trump was a candidate for the American presidential election. For security reasons the surroundings of the courtroom will be evacuated and 35,000 police officers have also been placed on alert to avoid problems.

Emmanuel Macron welcomed Finland, after the country's entry into NATO. Another consequence of the war in Ukraine. This membership is denounced by Russia, which shares a border with Finland. The Kremlin speaks of an infringement for its security and promises to take countermeasures.

And then the richest man and woman in the world are French. On the one hand, Bernard Arnault, the head of LVMH with a fortune estimated at 193 billion euros according to Forbes magazine. On the other, Françoise Bettencourt Meyers, heiress of L'Oréal with nearly 74 billion euros.