



## The News

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The syndicates union will strike next Thursday. This was announced last night. A new day of demonstrations against the pension reform for April 13th. The next day, the Constitutional Council will make its decision on the text. Yesterday, for the eleventh mobilization, 2 million people took to the streets according to the CGT. 570,000 according to the Ministry of the Interior. Processions have been marked by tensions in certain cities such as Lyon, Rennes, and Paris. According to the Ministry of the Interior, a total of 111 people were arrested in the country.

Also in the news, faced with inflation, Bruno Le Maire calls on large retailers and manufacturers to return to the trade negotiation table. A reopening of discussions was completed on March 1, with the aim of lowering prices on the shelves "whenever it is objectively justified", explained the Minister of the Economy.

The mayor of Saint-Etienne Gaël Perdriau was placed under judicial control for blackmail yesterday, suspected of having threatened to broadcast the sextape of his former first deputy, Gilles Artigues. The mayor of Saint-Etienne proclaims his innocence.

In Metz, an investigation against X for incitement to hatred after the cancellation of Bilal Hassani's concert. The singer who claims to be an LGBT flag bearer suffered threats from several traditionalist Catholic movements, when he was to perform in an old church.

Abroad, Gaza and southern Lebanon have been targeted by airstrikes last night by the Israeli army. Israel, which claims to want to target Hamas, the Palestinian Islamist movement, has been under tensions after the clashes on the esplanade of the mosques in Jerusalem.