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Huge disappointment for the families of the victims of the Rio-Paris flight crash in 2009. Airbus and Air France were acquitted this afternoon by the Paris Criminal Court. 14 years after the tragedy that killed 228 people, the two companies judged for involuntary homicides were exonerated. The court considered that if faults had been committed, no certain causal link with the accident could be demonstrated.

One of the objectives of Emmanuel Macron's speech this evening is to calm the anger of part of the country. The Head of State will speak at 8 p.m. on television. He is expected to mention the pension reform promulgated this weekend despite several days of mobilization against the text. According to his entourage, the President will also outline the rest of his five-year term by evoking his next projects. Education may be one of them. A trip by Emmanuel Macron on this theme may also take place during the week.

Abroad, in Russia, a new opponent of Vladimir Putin is behind bars. Vladimir Kara-Murza was sentenced to 25 years in prison by a Moscow court. The 41-year-old man was found guilty of high treason and spreading false information about the Russian army. A decision of justice denounced by London and Berlin which are calling for his immediate release.

And in Germany, Angela Merkel will receive today the highest honor in the country: the Grand Cross of special class. An award as criticism of her record after 16 years in power is increasingly heard across the Rhine; in particular on her nuclear policy and relations with Moscow.

And then a false start for Starship. The first take-off of the largest rocket in the world was postponed this afternoon in Texas due to a technical problem. The operation will be retried in a few days, said billionaire Elon Musk on Twitter. It is his company Space X which is at the origin of this project.