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An investigation has opened after the death of a 5-year-old girl in the Vosges. Her body was found yesterday afternoon in a garbage bag in an apartment in Rambervilé. The mother of the victim had reported the disappearance of her daughter a few hours earlier. A 16-year-old boy who was in the apartment was taken into custody although it is yet to be confirmed what his link is with the girl. The Epinal prosecutor will give a press conference this morning.

Emmanuel Macron had set a target of 100 days to revive the country, and at the end of the Council of Ministers meeting this morning, Elisabeth Borne will unveil the government's roadmap to carry out the 3 priority projects as outlined by the Head of State: work, the justice system and France's public service. The Prime Minister will unveil the timetable for relaunching the five-year term after months of protests in the streets against pension reform.

The Minister for Ecological Transition, Christophe Béchu has been voicing his concerns and says he is particularly worried about the threat of fires this summer. In the Pyrénées-Orientales already, a first and early fire broke out on April the 16th. Yesterday, Mr Béchu took this incident as an example when he presented a new tool devised by Météo-France of a map to better inform the French about the risks of fire around their homes.

Despite it being mentioned less and less, the coronavirus epidemic is still with us. To protect the most fragile members of the population, a new booster vaccination campaign will begin tomorrow as announced by the General Directorate of Health yesterday. It will last until June the 16th and will be intended primarily for residents of nursing homes, the over 80s and people who have compromised immune systems.

In the United States, Joe Biden has formalised his candidacy for the 2024 presidential elections. At 80, the current American president is seeking a second term and yesterday revealed his ambitions for the country in a new video. If he is re-elected next year, Joe Biden will be 86 at the end of his second term – a first in the history of the United States.

And finally, toy manufacturer Mattel put on sale yesterday its first Down Syndrome Barbie. The American company wants the many millions of children with Down Syndrome to be able to identify with the doll.