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The verdict of the Constitutional Council is expected at the end of the day. The council will render its decision on a second proposal for a referendum of shared initiative on the pension reform. The first had been rejected. This new request was initiated by some 250 left-wing and independent MPs and senators. The parliamentarians want, through a popular consultation, to prohibit a legal retirement age above the age of 62.

The anti-inflation quarter will be extended beyond June 15<sup>th</sup>. Distributors participating in the operation undertake to offer the lowest possible price on certain products, cutting back on their margins. According to Bruno LeMaire, the prices of the products concerned have fallen by 5 to 7%. The Minister says he wants to break the inflationary spiral by next fall.

The prison controller raises her voice. In a report, Dominique Simonnot denounces "serious violations of fundamental rights" during police custody. She denounces the fate reserved for those arrested in Paris during the demonstrations against the pension reform. With in particular unworthy hygiene conditions and insufficient individual spaces in the cells". The prison controller asks the Minister of the Interior Gérald Darmanin to respect the legislative and regulatory provisions.

A tragedy took place in Serbia, where a shooting killed nine people, including eight children, in a primary school in Belgrade. There are also seven people injured. The suspect is a 14-year-old minor who was arrested. The weapon supposedly belonged to his father. We do not yet know his motivations.

And in Ukraine, authorities announce a 58-hour curfew in Kherson from Friday, as Kiev says it is completing its preparations for a major offensive against Russian forces. From Friday, in Kherson, the inhabitants will be arrested if they are found in the streets.

And then soccer tonight with the end of the 33rd day of Premier League. The unfortunate finalist of the Coupe de France, Nantes, will be in Brest. This will be a crucial match for Nantes against a direct competitor in order for them not to be relegated. Kick off at 9 p.m.