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What happened in Moscow last night? Russia accuses Ukraine of attempting to assassinate Vladimir Putin with a drone attack targeting the Kremlin. The Drones were finally shot down. Russian parliament speaker calls for use of 'weapons capable of stopping and destroying the terrorist regime in Kiev'. Ukraine denies being at the origin of these drones and indicates that Russia is using this pretext to launch a large-scale terrorist attack.

In Serbia a shooting took place in a primary school in Belgrade, resulting in 9 deaths, including 8 children. Six other children and a teacher were also injured. A 14-year-old teenager was arrested; he had a detailed plan of the killing and a list of the children targeted. The gun used belongs to his father. An investigation has been opened to understand the reasons for his action.

And the verdict of the Constitutional Council is expected at the end of the day. The council must render its decision on a second proposal for a referendum of shared initiative on the pension reform after the first was 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 15th. This was announced by the Minister of the Economy Bruno Le Maire. Distributors participating in the operation undertake to offer the lowest possible price on certain products, cutting back on their margins. According to the Minister, the prices of the products concerned have fallen by 5 to 7%.

And then Michael Douglas is celebrated in Cannes. The American actor will receive a *palme d'honneur* at the opening ceremony of the festival on May 16. Michael Douglas is a regular on the Croisette, he has presented 4 films in competition at Cannes, notably Basic Instinct in 1992.