



The News

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Elisabeth Borne is making her first official trip to Overseas France. The Prime Minister arrives in Réunion this morning. She will spend her three-day trip focusing on the environment, agriculture and housing. And yet, wherever government cabinet members go at the moment, opposition to the pension reform is never far behind. Opponents have a concert of clanging saucepans lined up to greet Elisabeth Borne's arrival.

Bruno le Maire will be meeting with representatives of large retailers today at Bercy. The Minister of the Economy will be looking at how to extend his "anti-inflation quarter" scheme which involves major stores keeping certain everyday products at lower prices. Le Maire now wants to apply the idea to school supplies as well as food. He is also due to meet soon with manufacturers.

Access to certain fields of care should be easier with the adoption of a bill yesterday in the Assemblée Nationale. Patients will be able to make appointments with certain nurses, physiotherapists or speech therapists, without first needing a medical prescription to do so from their doctor. The bill has had a lot of criticism from doctors, but it was passed almost unanimously.

More fires have broken out in Pyrénées-Orientales. A fire broke out near Perpignan in St-Cyprien yesterday afternoon and burned down ten hectares of land. A campsite with more than 130 tourists had to be evacuated. A little further from there, another fire also broke out in Saint-André. Both fires have been dealt with by the emergency services. The Pyrénées-Orientales is currently experiencing serious drought.

In sport, the first French team has reached the final four of the basketball Euroleague in 26 years. Monaco is through after winning against Maccabi Tel Aviv last night, 97-86.

And finally to football, Inter Milan has won this year's Derby della Madonnina or the derby football match between the two Milan teams. Inter Milan won 2-0 against AC Milan last night in the first leg of the semi-final of the Champions League. The second leg is next Tuesday.