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Elisabeth Borne has said that as Prime Minister she is working directly with Emmanuel Macron and that a fall in prices should start to be felt by the start of the school year. The Prime Minister gave an interview to rolling news channel BFMTV yesterday a few days after the cabinet reshuffle. In particular, Borne fielded questions about her working relationship with the President amid rumours there has been friction between the two and about inflation.

The former Minister for Education has already bagged himself a new job. Pap Ndiaye may have been shuffled out of the cabinet, but he has now been appointed as the ambassador representing France to the Council of Europe. The organisation defends human rights in Europe. Pap Ndiaye says his appointment was “in line with his lifelong commitments”.

The Constitutional Council has adopted the anti-squatting law, a bill that will triple the penalties incurred by squatters. The “Sages” or “Wise Men” have only censured article 7 which releases the owner of a squatted property from the obligation to keep up building maintenance and exempts him in the event of damage resulting from a lack of maintenance. The law has been slammed by the left-wing alliance Nupes which has called on the constitutional council.

In Niger, soldiers are claiming they have overthrown the President, Mohamed Bazoum. The coup d'état comes as Niger is one of the last allies of Western countries in the Sahel, a region that has been ravaged by jihadist violence.

A 12-year-old boy was rescued in the Savoie yesterday after he climbed into a well and was buried in over a metre and a half of stones. Firefighters managed to bring the boy back up after a five-hour operation and the well itself threatening to collapse. More than forty people were involved in the rescue. The boy was taken to hospital.

And finally in the World Aquatics Championships, could today see a third gold medal for Léon Marchand? The swimmer from Toulouse is aiming for victory this afternoon in the 200-meter medley. Marchand took his 2nd title yesterday in the 200-meter butterfly.