



## The News

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Emmanuel Macron is expected in Brittany. The Head of State will be in Finistère after the passage of the storm. He will meet and thank the mobilized relief forces, but also interact with the inhabitants. The storm killed two people and injured 47, according to Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne.

The storm also left hundreds of thousands of French people in the dark. This morning 523,000 homes were still without electricity. Mostly in Brittany and Normandy. Enedis agents are mobilized to restore power. As for the SNCF, there will be disruptions today and tomorrow in Hauts-de-France on the TER network. Some TGVs may also be delayed or even canceled.

The Minister of Energy Transition promises that the increase in electricity prices next February will not exceed 10%. Agnès Pannier-Runacher is counting on the energy shield to block a larger increase. She also ensures that prices will not increase by the end of the year.

And today 600 foreigners will be evacuated from Gaza, including fifty French nationals. They will then be taken care of by the French embassy and transported to Cairo. Meanwhile, the Israeli army announced that it had completed the encirclement of Gaza City.

Also in the news: The downfall of Sam Bankman-Fried. The 30-year-old American who became a billionaire thanks to cryptocurrencies, faces up to 110 years in prison. He is accused of fraud, criminal conspiracy and money laundering. He supposedly used his clients' funds, without their knowledge. The money then fueled risky investments of his company. For the Manhattan federal prosecutor, this is one of the biggest financial frauds in the history of the United States. Sam Bankman-Fried will be sentenced next March.