



## The News

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Elisabeth Borne will be meeting with the leaders of the Républicains party again today to try and secure right-wing support for the rejected Immigration Bill. The Prime Minister will see the leaders at her offices at Matignon after yesterday's initial meeting. The bill will be put to a joint committee of representatives from the lower house and the senate on Monday, with potentially a final vote in the Assemblée Nationale to follow on Tuesday.

The schoolgirl who brandished a knife at her English teacher at a college in Rennes yesterday has been hospitalised. The 12-year-old had promised a repeat of the murder of a teacher in Arras in October. The public prosecutor has said that the girl is considered a "danger to herself".

Private hire VTC drivers will be on strike today, with "escargot" traffic clogging operations planned in Marseille, Paris, Lille and Nice. The drivers are demonstrating against the Uber platform, claiming it has worsened their working conditions and resulted in a drop in income.

In the United States, the US Congress has opened an impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden. He is accused of covering up the dubious dealings of his son in China and Ukraine while Vice President. The process stands very little chance of succeeding but could taint Joe Biden's candidacy for the next presidential election in a year's time.

And finally, the 27 member states of the European Union will gather for a European Council meeting today in Brussels. They will negotiate Ukraine's accession to the European Union and a 50 billion euro financial package for Kiev to continue the war with Russia.