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100,000 residents of the Reunion Island have no electricity. Cyclone Belal has been hitting the island for hours, which is now back under red alert this morning to allow help to intervene. But the population must remain confined all day, as declared by the prefect, who says he hopes for the end of the red cyclone alert tomorrow morning. The cyclone weakened as it crossed the island but the wind gusts exceed 200 kilometers/hour, and records of water accumulation will be broken. Belal also made one victim: a homeless man was found dead last night in the West in Saint-Gilles.

There is also a storm in the United States as the Republican primaries begin. The first state concerned is that of Iowa, but the primaries might be disrupted by complicated weather conditions, including severe cold and a snowstorm. In this small midwestern state, former President Donald Trump is in the lead in the polls.

Also in the news this afternoon, the meeting with the teaching unions is underway at the Ministry of Education and promises to be tricky for Amélie Oudéa Castéra, the new Minister appointed last week after the departure of Gabriel Attal for Matignon. The meeting is taking place as a controversy grows following the declarations on the absenteeism of teachers and on the schooling of her children in the private sector.

The subject will surely come up tomorrow during the press conference that will be held by the Head of State. It is therefore in front of the media that Emmanuel Macron will come to "set his course", with this meeting scheduled for early in the evening at the Elysée and which should last at least 2 hours. The President speaks a week after the appointment of his new Prime Minister. Before that, he must meet this evening the parliamentarians of his majority.

And then those who will carry the Olympic flame are informed from today of their participation. There will be 11,000 individual torchbearers in total, personalities and ordinary people, as many women as men and coming from all departments, for this route planned from May 8 to July 26 to Paris to launch the Olympics. More than 11,000 French people have applied.