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The explanation given by the government spokesperson Prisca Thevenot to justify the suspension of the Écophyto plan, aimed at reducing the use of pesticides is to get out of punitive ecology. A suspension strongly criticized by environmentalists and environmental associations. *Générations Futures* points out "a major setback which takes us back 15 years". As for Greenpeace, it believes that the government is deciding to continue to endanger farmers with dangerous products.

After Gabriel Atttal's announcements, the situation is gradually returning to normal on the roads, with the lifting of the farmers' blockades. Tractors are clearing the lanes. On the A6, near Chilly-Mazarin, there were still between 70 and 80 tractors this morning.

The farmers' anger is subsiding, but the fight is not over. Moreover, the president of the FNSEA, Arnaud Rousseau, is clear: they will do it again if the government does not keep its promises. The unions will remain very attentive to the situation until the bill is promulgated.

The day after the teachers' mobilization, the Minister of Education Amélie Oudéa-Castéra says she was not thinking of resigning. She recognizes, all the same, that her first steps at the head of her new expanded ministry did not go well. Amélie Oudéa-Castéra says she wants to contribute to the success of the school.

Lina's mother will speak this afternoon, four months after the disappearance of her 15-year-old daughter in Bas-Rhin. Yesterday she was heard at the courthouse in Strasbourg by two investigating judges.

Two French humanitarian workers were killed in a Russian strike in Ukraine - A bombing in the region of Kherson. The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Stéphane Séjourné, denounces "Russian barbarity", and warns that "Russia will have to answer for its crimes". Ukrainian police announced the opening of an investigation for violation of the laws of war.

And then in rugby, the French XV is on the field this evening for its first match since its elimination from the World Cup. *Les Bleus* begin the six nations tournament against Ireland. Kick-off at 9pm in Marseille.