



## The News

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The SNCF controllers' strike begins this evening at 8 p.m. A movement which promises to be particularly significant with three conductors out of four on strike. As for traffic, one in two trains will be running until Monday morning. Priority was given to trains heading towards the mountains as well as those transporting unaccompanied children. When trains are cancelled, travelers will get a 100% refund of their ticket, in addition to a 50% discount on any train.

Farmers are waiting for action. They are once again threatening to block the country if there is no progress on the measures announced by the government. Prime Minister Gabriel Attal is in the Marne on a farm in Janvilliers. Received yesterday by Emmanuel Macron, the Agricultural Confederation nevertheless says that it has been heard by the president.

The well-being of women at work is under debate today in the Senate. The text provides for compensated menstrual leave for women suffering from painful periods. The measure has already been voted in Spain.

And an investigation has been opened in the Rhône, after the discovery of the charred body of a woman last Sunday in Sainte-Foy-lès-Lyon. The remains were found in the basement of an empty house. The disappearance of this woman had been reported a few days earlier. The victim's spouse, who had already made death threats is in the sights of investigators.

Volodymyr Zelensky will be in Paris tomorrow. The Ukrainian president will meet with Emmanuel Macron to discuss the signing of a security agreement between the two countries. An agreement following the commitments made on the sidelines of the NATO summit in Vilnius. The agreement provides for the lasting presence of a force capable of defending Ukraine and deterring any future aggression from Russia.

And then soccer: After the Champions League, it's time for the Europa League. The round of 16 first leg with four French clubs begins this evening. Lens receives Fribourg and Marseille plays in Hamburg against the Ukrainians of Chakhtior Donetsk. Also, big challenge for Rennes who will play on the field of AC Milan and then Toulouse plays in Lisbon against Benfica.