



The News

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Emmanuel Macron is meeting with the unions Young Farmers and the FNSEA today, with four days to go until the annual Agricultural Show. Farming unions are demanding “genuine measures” from the government, particularly regarding the simplification of administrative procedures. Prime Minister Gabriel Attal will hold a press conference tomorrow in Matignon.

The Russian ambassador to France has been summoned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Paris in the wake of the death of opponent Alexei Navalny in prison. Yesterday, the French Minister Stéphane Sejourne said that “Once again, Vladimir Putin’s regime has shown its true face”.

In Ukraine, President Volodymyr Zelensky has confirmed the Russian army’s claim that Russia has regained total control over Avdiivka. Zelensky has explained that Russian forces are taking advantage of the delay in aid reaching Ukraine’s forces. As a result, the Ukrainian army is currently in an “extremely difficult” situation against Russian forces on the offensive in eastern and southern Ukraine.

Twenty six of the EU’s 27 member states are calling for an immediate humanitarian pause in Gaza. In a press conference, the head of European diplomacy, Josep Borrell, explained that the request was aimed at first “stopping the fighting” before setting out for a lasting ceasefire.

And finally to football, at the end of day 25 of the Ligue 2, Bordeaux drew 1-1 against Amiens last night.