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And the China in the Pacific region.

So what exactly is happening? What are the ambitions of these two great world powers?

Hi Diego, I hope you're doing well.

Let's go together for a new dive into the news in about ten minutes.

This Monday and this Tuesday, a big meeting took place in Washington, DC, in the United States.

And for the occasion, the American President Joe Biden had welcomed the leaders of the Pacific Island Forum,

the Pacific Island Forum.

In fact, it's an organization that groups 18 states and territories in the Pacific Ocean.

So we find the French Polynesia, Australia, New Zealand or Papua New Guinea.

So officially, the objective of this meeting and this summit was to reaffirm the commitment of the United States in the Pacific,

especially in the fight against the climate crisis, but also in the acceleration of economic development in the region.

Officially, these are simply questions of help for these countries.

But the announcement that made a lot of talk is the official recognition by the United States of two small territories.

So I named the Cook and Niue islands, islands that have been recognized as sovereign and independent states by the United States.

So here too, officially, by recognizing these two states, the United States wishes to help them, especially in the fight against illegal fishing and against climate change.

But in reality, I think you understood the question.

It is also very, very political.

Indeed, Joe Biden hopes to strengthen his diplomatic ties with his two nations and therefore strengthen his influence in the region of the Pacific,

especially against an opponent who is China, who is more and more present in this same region.

You should know that the recognition by the United States of these two islands,

it intervenes in a context of tension between China and the United States,

therefore concerning their respective presence in the Pacific.

So why is China and the United States interested in this region?

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Well, there are several reasons we can see together.

First of all, the Pacific region is the brink of natural resources that are very interesting.

It is the brink, for example, of lithium resources.

Lithium is a metal that is used, in particular, to manufacture electric vehicle batteries.

And most of all, the presence of these two powers in the region is also the result of economic and political issues.

And on this, the examples of influence of these two countries in the region do not lack.

China, for example, reinforces its economic links in the region by massively investing in infrastructure projects in countries that are present.

For example, since 2008, the country has spent the equivalent of 3 billion euros in zed and prey in the Pacific,

especially to build ports, airports or hospitals.

We can also see that it is a similar strategy that China does in some countries in Africa.

For example, in the Solomon Islands, China has financed all infrastructures intended for a competition.

These are the Pacific Games, which will be held in November next.

In short, there is a strategy of China to invest massively.

On the United States side, of course, there too, we answered.

Last year, for example, a new economic partnership was concluded in Asia Pacific.

And by the way, during the summit that I mentioned at the beginning of this act, and which is therefore held this Monday and this Tuesday,

the American president Joe Biden promised a new aid of about 60 million euros in equivalent to build infrastructures there too in the region.

The idea, of course, doing this for the two countries, is to strengthen the links with this country and therefore get a support and a very strong link, including from a political point of view.

And we come back to the second subject.

Beyond the interest of having economic and political links, there is an interest that is very linked to all this.

It is a military influence interest.

One of the agreements signed with China in terms of security and which has made a lot of progress, it is a security agreement signed with the Salomon Islands in April 2022.

In particular, this agreement would allow China to mobilize Chinese military and policemen directly on the Salomon Islands,

officially to maintain the social order and provide humanitarian aid.

But some believe that in the end, it could go much further.

But from a military point of view, the central element that must be in mind and that we have already talked a lot about in this current format is the question of Taiwan.

In fact, China considers that the island of Taiwan belongs to him.

There has been regularly these last months threats of invasion of the island of Taiwan to take control of its territory.

And that's what makes China, in terms of economic, political and military points of view, multiplies and takes contact in the region to ensure an important presence in case of war and invasion one day of Taiwan.

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So on their side, the United States, which defends Taiwan, is obviously opposed to all this. They put in place economic elements that we said, but also military. For example, in the last month, they signed with the Papua New Guinea a security pact that allows the American forces to have access to ports and airports of the country. Moreover, the two countries signed an agreement of cooperation in the field of defense and maritime surveillance in the region. And the last element, here it is an element that we had mentioned, because there had been a whole form of controversy with France. But in September 2021, the United States, Australia and the United Kingdom, the three countries together, signed a pact. The Ocus Pact, Ocus, I have a little doubt about the pronunciation, A-U-K-U-S. And it is therefore a partnership to produce submarines with nuclear propulsion. And the goal with this agreement is to reinforce a military presence of these countries, especially in the Pacific, to eventually typically defend Taiwan. This is what some specialists think. Well, you understand, we are talking about a recognition of two small islands, but behind all this, it is a succession of decisions between these two great world powers. In any case, do not hesitate to tell me in the comments on YouTube if I put this kind of subject to your interest. I leave the white word for the news in short, and I'll come back right after. Thank you Hugo and hello everyone. We start with this act. It concerns the Ocaraba, a mountainous region that has been fighting Armenia and Azerbaijan for decades. And well, after the offensive and clear led by Azerbaijan last week, at least 13,000 Armenians from the Ocaraba were forced to flee and arrived in Armenia. On the other hand, the Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev assured that the rights of the Armenians who will remain in the region would be guaranteed, while making sure that the living people are citizens of Azerbaijan. And by the way, this Monday evening, in the middle of an explosion of a fuel tank in the Ocaraba, at least 20 deaths and more than 280 injured, according to Armenian separatists authorities. Second act, the Antarctic Bank has reached its maximum surface for the year, and this surface has never been so small since the start of scientific revolutions in 1979, according to the National Snow and Ice Data Center. It should be noted that the Antarctic Bank is in summer and is reconstituting in winter. And in this case, winter is ending in the southern hemisphere, which means that the Bank is currently at the maximum of its spread. To give you an idea, the maximum surface reached this year is 1.03 million square kilometers, lower than the previous record. This smaller surface corresponds to almost twice the surface of France. And according to the National Snow and Ice Data Center, all this is linked to the warming of the upper layer of the ocean and therefore to climate change. As of today, the artificial intelligence software Chatchipiti will soon be able to talk and interpret

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images.

For example, it will be possible to take pictures of monuments and ask Chatchipiti for precision on the history of the building, or even show Chatchipiti what is in its fridge and ask what recipe we can make with it.

These new tools will be deployed here for two weeks and will be only for subscribers to Chatchipiti Plus,

the paid version of Chatchipiti.

Other news, the streaming platform Spotify has announced this Monday in partnership with OpenAI, the Chatchipiti housewife, to translate the podcasts.

Basically, the content recorded in English will be available in other languages and vice versa, keeping a similar voice to that of origin.

Concretely, that means that you will soon be able to hear Hugo and I in other languages and share the podcast with your friends who do not speak French so that they can enjoy it.

Fourth news, I wanted to talk to you about the opening of a fake Starbucks coffee in Algeria which makes a lot of talk at the moment.

Everything is part of the video of an Algerian tiktokker, Umnia Online, who published a video on his networks showing this new Starbucks in Oran, except that Starbucks quickly deleted information by explaining to the BBC that he had never opened franchises in Algeria,

which means that this boutique in Oran is a counterfeiting.

On TikTok, a young man presenting as the head of the establishment has claimed to have obtained the val of the director of Starbucks during a trip to the United States. In short, this teaching in Algeria risks paying quite a lot of damage and interest to Starbucks.

Fifth news, the Tinder meeting application has launched a new VIP subscription built by Tinder Select and which simply costs \$ 500 per month.

Concretely, this subscription, which already exists for celebrities, will be reserved to only a few users, especially the most active, who will have to meet with Tinder to be able to take advantage of it.

Among the proposed features, there will be the possibility to hide the pubs, to test the news of the application in advance,

to have access to the most popular accounts,

or to have their profile in advance in the list of English Likes you for a week.

We end with this act, YouTubers McFly and Carlito have made their big return on YouTube this Monday,

after seven months of absence or almost.

They have unveiled their new studio and specified their video planning, which will be released on Sunday so that they focus on their family life.

By the way, they plan to release two videos a week, even three.

And finally, they no longer want to focus on the views and make videos, maybe a little simpler and less work to not fall into a burnout, that's what pushed them to take a break.

That's the end of this summary of today's news.

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