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Isabelle Balkany has been admitted to hospital after the decision from the Court of Appeal in Rouen that may see her return to prison. Firefighters took her away after Ms Balkany allegedly took a large dose of medication. Along with her husband, the former Mayor of Levellois Perret, Ms Balkany had been seeing out the end of her sentence for tax fraud from the couple's home. Patrick Balkany says that the court decision for them to return to a custodial sentence is unjust and that he will file a complaint against the judge for endangering the lives of others.

Thierry Solère has been charged with five new offences. The member of parliament for the party la Republique en Marche and adviser to Emmanuel Macron has already been prosecuted for tax evasion. Now, he is suspected of using part of his official expenses for his term in office between 2012 and 2019 for personal purposes. He is also charged with passive influence peddling. His lawyers say these are "unfounded accusations".

The worst seems to be over for the Isle de la Reunion. Cyclone Bâtirai is moving away from the island's coast and the red alert has been lifted. Life returning to normal, however, will take time. The prefect of the island has called for caution. The climate conditions on Reunion remain difficult and dangerous.

The government has allocated a budget of €5.6 billion to make industry greener. The announcement from the Prime Minister's office at Matignon came yesterday as part of the France 2030 investment plan. The substantial amount will be going towards decarbonizing the steel, aluminium and cement sectors, for example.

The opening ceremony of the Beijing Winter Olympics is today. The next couple of weeks will see the French delegation trying to beat its medal record. The record stands at 15 medals bagged in Sochi in South Korea during the last games. Perrine Laffont, the mogul skier and defending champion, has already qualified for the final on Sunday.

And finally to football, France is setting out to organise the Women's Euro championships in 2025. The French football federation has just made the official announcement. The competition will bring together the 16 best European nations. The name of the host country will be revealed next December. France previously organised the women's World Cup in 2019.