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France has just won its second medal at the Winter Olympics taking place in Beijing. Johan Clarey bagged a Silver this morning in Downhill Skiing. At 41, the French man has become the oldest Olympic medalist in history.

Emmanuel Macron and Vladimir Putin will be meeting today in Moscow. The French President will be hoping to steer negotiations towards a de-escalation of the Ukrainian crisis. There are currently fears for a Russian invasion of Ukraine. Ahead of today's meeting, Emmanuel Macron spoke to his American counterpart Joe Biden last night. France and the US are coordinating their responses to the situation. Macron will also be meeting the Ukrainian leader tomorrow in Kiev.

Will Patrick Balkany have to return to prison? The former Mayor of Levellois Perret has been summoned by the Prosecutor of Evreux at 10am this morning. Both Patrick Balkany and his wife Isabelle could be heading to prison after Thursday's decision from the Rouen Court of Appeal to withdraw the electronic bracelets the couple have had to wear after their conviction for tax fraud.

A fire broke out in a private mansion in Paris' 7th arrondissement yesterday near the Musée d'Orsay. Firefighters had extinguished the fire by mid-evening, although the damage was extensive. Nobody lost their life.

Nearly 10,000 people were still without electricity yesterday on Reunion, after cyclone Batsirai hit the island last week. The cyclone also hit Madagascar hard, where at least 10 people were killed.