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Emmanuel Macron was in Berlin last night on his third stop on a round of visits to avoid all-out war between Russia and Ukraine. Macron spoke to Chancellor Olaf Scholz after meeting with the heads of state in Moscow and Kiev. Macron is calling for building peace and stability in Europe and dialogue will continue in the coming days as the French, German, Ukrainian and Russian advisers will meet tomorrow in Berlin.

Former Minister of the Interior Claude Guéant will be leaving prison today. The former member of Sarkozy's cabinet has served two months of a custodial sentence and has now been granted parole without an electronic bracelet. In December, Claude Guéant was convicted as part of the case on cash bonuses during his time as minister under Nicolas Sarkozy.

Today, the only surviving perpetrator from the November 13th attacks will be questioned in the special assize court in Paris. The trial has been ongoing for more than 4 months. Today, Salah Abdeslam will have to speak about what his exact mission was and how the attacks were prepared.

A new movement against the current health restrictions will be leaving several cities in France today as part of a "freedom convoy" towards Paris. Protestors who are anti health pass, anti vaxx or from the gilets jaunes will be travelling together on the roads from Nice, Perpignan and Bayonne to name a few. They are due to form roadblocks around the capital on Friday, before continuing the convoy to Brussels on Monday for a large European gathering.

Today sees the start of the One Ocean Summit in Brest. This is the very first world summit dedicated to the ocean. The aim is to reinforce international cooperation in protecting the oceans. Two days of workshops and conferences lie ahead, with several world leaders, scientists and different NGOs in attendance.

And finally, to football and Monaco are through to the semi-finals of the Coupe de France. The Monagesques beat Amiens 2-0 last night. This evening sees more quarter-finals between Bergerac and Versailles at 6.30 p.m. before Nice take on Marseille at 9.15 p.m.