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More than 5 years after the terrorist attack on Saint-Étienne-du-Rouvray, today the trial of the accused opens before the special assize court of Paris. On 26 July 2016, 2 jihadists entered the church in the Normandy town and killed Father Jacques Hamel. The two terrorists were shot dead by the police at the scene. Today in the accused's box, three men will be tried for complicity and criminal conspiracy. A fourth defendant, the alleged instigator of the attack will be absent. He is suspected of having been killed in 2017 during bombing in the Iraqi-Syrian zone. The trial stands to last for a month.

The so-called freedom convoys will be leaving from Paris today to continue on their way to Brussels. Protests against health restrictions took place over the weekend in the capital. Freedom convoys from across Europe are due to converge for a huge rally in Brussels today. Belgian authorities have banned the protests from taking place.

Volodymyr Zelensky is due to meet with Joe Biden in Kiev in the next few days. The Ukrainian president has invited his US counterpart for talks in order for Washington to show its support as the the risk mounts of a Russian invasion. Joe Biden has promised a rapid response in coordination with its allies in the event of an attack from Moscow.

To Beijing now and the latest on the Winter Olympic Games. The figure skaters Gabriella Papadakis and Guillaume Cizeron have taken gold this morning. This is the 11th medal for the French delegation in these Games and the 3rd gold.

And finally to football and day 24 of the Ligue 1, yesterday Marseille won against Paris Saint Germain 2-1, while Bordeaux lost to Lens 3-2.