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Ukraine has rejected Russia's offer of a ceasefire in Mariupol in exchange for putting down their weapons in the city in the south-east of the country. Over the weekend, the Russians bombed an art school that was being used as a shelter for several hundred people. Local authorities say that there are still a number of civilians trapped under the rubble.

At least one person has been confirmed dead in Kyiv after Russian air strikes destroyed an entire shopping centre. In the north of the country, authorities are urging residents to take shelter after fighting caused an ammonia leak in a factory there.

Volodymyr Zelensky is preparing to have direct talks with Vladimir Putin. Last night, referring to where the talks should take place, the Ukrainian president said that Jerusalem would be "the right place to find peace".

10 years after the Toulouse and Montauban attacks, yesterday saw tribute paid to the seven victims. Nearly 2,000 people gathered at Toulouse's Halle aux Grains to remember the attack in March 2012 perpetrated by Mohammed Merah. Several people took the floor, including the children who were present that day.

Six people were killed after a car drove into a crowd at a carnival in southern Belgium yesterday and 26 others injured. For now, terrorist motivations have been ruled out. The two people who were in the car were arrested.

With the elections coming up, Jean Luc Mélenchon has been trying to unite voters on the left. The presidential candidate for the party France Insoumise held a rally yesterday in Paris' Place de la République. Mélenchon urged his supporters to get behind him while he was ahead in the polls against his rivals on the left, including Yannick Jadot, Fabien Roussel and Anne Hidalgo.

And finally, to football, Marseille has taken back second place in the Ligue 1 after beating Nice last night 2-1.

