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Joe Biden is in Brussels as three of the world's major international organisations, NATO, the G7 and the European Union all have summits lined up today. The US president will be there in person, with the war in Ukraine at the top of the agenda. The day's meetings may see new sanctions introduced against Russia or new weapons delivered to Ukraine.

Today marks a month since the war in Ukraine began. The capital city of Kyiv had been predicted to fall within two days. Now, according to American intelligence, Ukrainians have begun to successfully repel the enemy forces on the outskirts of the city.

Volodymir Zelensky has made a plea for protests around the world to demand the end of the war as the conflict edges into a month of fighting. The Ukrainian President used yesterday's nightly video to social media to call on people worldwide to hit the streets. He also urged French companies set up in Russia to leave the country.

Renault has finally moved to suspend the activities of its factory in Moscow. The French car manufacturer is now looking revise downwards its financial outlook for the year 2022.

In Corsica, one and a half thousand people lined the streets yesterday to pay their respects as the coffin of Yvan Colonna passed by. The funeral of the Corsican separatist will be taking place tomorrow, in his native village of Cargèse. Emmanuel Macron has commented that Corsica flying its flags at half-mast is a mistake. The country lowered its flags on Tuesday after learning the news of the death of Yvan Colonna, who had been convicted for assassinating the Prefect of Corsica, Claude Erignac.

The country's retired people are being called on to protest in the street today. Several of France's leading unions have joined forces to demand an increase in pensions and better public services in rural areas. Rallies have been planned in twenty cities, including Marseilles, Lyon and in Paris, where the protest will begin at 2pm at the place de la Bastille and then march towards the place de la République.

And finally, a word on women's football. Lyon lost 2-1 last night against Juventus in the first leg of the Champions League. The second leg will take place next Thursday.