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The conflict in Ukraine was the focus of three major international summits yesterday in Brussels, NATO, the G7 and the European Union. The G7 says it is ready to adopt additional sanctions if necessary. Some new economic measures have also been announced. These include from the United States which will freeze the assets of more than 300 Duma officials, as well as those of public companies in the defense sector.

The UN has demanded an immediate end to the war. The UN General Assembly adopted the resolution by an overwhelming majority. In NATO, it was US President Joe Biden who issued the warning to Russia that it would respond to any use of chemical weapons in Ukraine.

The President of the United States is expected in Poland today. Joe Biden will be near the border with Ukraine to receive a briefing on the humanitarian response to the refugee crisis.

Meanwhile, Emmanuel Macron has announced a plan to safeguard food security. The President says that an “extremely serious” food crisis could hit countries dependent on wheat and grain exports from Ukraine and Russia. This includes Africa. Macron has asked Russia to take steps to avoid famine.

Thousands of people are expected in Cargèse today. The native village of Corsican separatist Yvan Colonna is where his funeral will be taking place. Colonna was attacked in prison after he was convicted for the murder of the prefect Claude Erignac. The authorities are calling for calm and restraint.

An investigation has been opened in Switzerland after the death of a family in Montreux. Four French people from the same family died after falling from the 7th floor of a building. The son, who is a 15-year-old teenager, is currently hospitalised with serious injuries. The initial findings suggest that the family threw themselves from the balcony when they saw the arrival of two gendarmes to their home.

And finally to football and yesterday saw a devastating blow for Italy. After losing 1-0 against Macedonia in the play-off, Italy do not qualify for the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.