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A ceasefire is due to come into force this morning in Mariupol. Moscow has pledged to lay down its weapons in order to allow the evacuation of civilians via humanitarian corridors. Mariupol, a city in southern Ukraine has seen more than 5,000 people killed there and the situation is considered catastrophic. The news of the ceasefire comes as Ukrainian authorities claim that the Russian army bombarded a Red Cross depot in the city just this morning.

The director of French military intelligence has been dismissed just 7 months into the job. General Eric Vidaud has been forced to step down due to poorly anticipating the situation in Ukraine. The Directorate of Military intelligence cited “insufficient briefings” and a “lack of mastery of subjects”.

7 activists from the NGO Greenpeace have been arrested this morning after breaking into an EPR reactor site in Flamanville. They claim that pro-nuclear presidential candidates are “irresponsible”. A dozen more demonstrators on the march returned to the site to block vehicle access to the site’s two main entrances.

A chilling report has been released today from the Independent Commission on Incest and Child Sexual Abuse after a year of work and more than 11,000 testimonies. The report found that each year 160,000 children are victims of sexual violence in France and 9 out of 10 victims are girls. A third of the time, the father is the abuser.

A new law on employee health comes into force today. The aim is to prevent workers from having to leave their jobs because of poor health. This new law will see a mid-career medical visit take place to check that each worker’s job is suited to the state of their health.

And finally to sport and it’s official: Formula 1 will be making a comeback in Las Vegas. Formula 1 has finalised plans for a third track on US soil next year. The last time F1 was in Vegas was between 1980 and 1982.