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Is Russia going to be suspended from the Human Rights Council? This is the decision facing the UN General Assembly at 3pm this afternoon. The request came in from Western countries after a substantial number of bodies of civilians were found who had been killed in Bucha, Ukraine. US President Joe Biden has called the massacre a “war crime”. The United States has announced it will roll out “devastating” sanctions in response.

In Corsica tensions are still rife more than 2 weeks after the death of the independence activist Yvan Colonna. Violent demonstrations took place yesterday in Bastia. The prefecture or the Banque de France were attacked by groups of hooded individuals. Earlier in the day, Colonna’s family announced that they will be filing a complaint against the State.

Covid numbers are up again in France. After a brief period of respite, more than 160,000 new cases were confirmed in the last 24 hours nationwide. However, this figure does seem to be plateauing. Hospital covid admissions are also up. 23,000 covid patients are currently hospitalised, almost 2,000 more than the day before.

EU health authorities have given the green light for a second booster dose for the over 80s due to the higher risk of developing a severe form of covid. In France, a second booster dose has been available for this age group since mid-March.

And finally to football, and last night saw Karim Benzema proving that the star quality he showed at PSG was not just a flash in the pan. Now part of the Real Madrid line-up, Benzema scored a hat trick against Chelsea last night in the Champions League. This meant victory for Real Madrid with a final score of 3-1. In last night’s other match, Bayern Munich lost 1-0 against Villareal.