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Europe has lined up a fifth set of sanctions against Russia as the war in Ukraine continues. Yesterday, the 27 EU Member States agreed to stop importing Russian coal and to close European ports to Russian ships. Yesterday evening also saw the G7 ban any new investment in Russian industries. Meanwhile on the front line, Ukraine is urging its citizens to take advantage of the “last day” to evacuate, amid fears of a major Russian army offensive.

Yesterday a second attack took place in Israel in 9 days. A shooter opened fire on customers in a bar in Tel Aviv. At least two people were killed and eight seriously hurt.

In France, it's the final day of campaigning for the presidential candidates ahead of the first round of votes. All interviews and leafleting will be prohibited from midnight this evening until the first estimates are announced on Sunday at 8 pm. Polls have suggested that this election could see a high abstention rate, with up to 27% of the eligible population not planning on casting a vote.

A 17-year-old boy and a girl of the same age were both handed 10-year prison sentences yesterday for the murder of another teenager in Argenteuil. Alisha was 15 years old when she was killed. The pair hit her and threw her into the Seine in March 2021. Yesterday's judgment was from a court in the Val d'Oise.

Two hikers have been killed in an avalanche in Isère in the Massif des Ecrins. Rescue services had been alerted that the pair were missing by their relatives on Wednesday evening. There is a strong risk of avalanche elsewhere in the Savoie today.

And finally, to football and last night saw victory for Marseille in the first leg of the Europa League quarter-finals. Marseille won 2-1 against Salonika. Yesterday evening also dealt disappointment to Lyon, who could only manage a 1-1 draw in the first leg of the Europa League quarter-finals against English club West Ham.

