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Emmanuel Macron and Marine Le Pen go head to head tonight in the televised debate in the run up to Sunday's vote. It's a rematch of the same debate five years ago. Up for discussion tonight are the hot topics of this year's election, such as purchasing power, the country's youth and France's competitiveness. The debate will be broadcast on channels France 2 and TF1 from 9 p.m.

Jean Luc Mélenchon has called on the public to elect him as Prime Minister and to vote for as many rebellious candidates as possible in the legislative elections in June. He also made clear his supporters should block Marine Le Pen in Sunday's vote, without going as far as to say vote for Macron. The far-left candidate was giving an interview to BFM TV yesterday.

A Ukrainian military commander has said that "We may be living our last days". Under siege in Mariupol, he published the message on Facebook and is calling on the international community for help as the Russian offensive intensifies. The United States has sent fighter planes to Kyiv to reinforce its air force. Washington is also due to approve another military aid package of 800 million dollars for Ukraine.

The online streaming platform Netflix has been ditched by 200,000 subscribers worldwide in the first quarter of this year, compared to 2021. This is a first for Netflix in 10 years. The site's activity drops by 25%. Netflix will try to and make up the loss by adding more content and clamping down on subscribers sharing their log in details so that other users can enjoy the platform without paying for the service.

And finally to football and tonight will see no fewer than 10 matches play out in the Ligue 1, split between 7pm and 9pm starting times. Highlights include Paris Saint Germain playing away at Angers while Marseille play at home to Nantes at 9pm.