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The candidates for the legislative elections to represent France's 577 constituencies have until 6 pm today to file their official statements. The official campaign is due to start at the end of the month, with voting taking place on June 12 and 19.

New Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne is yet to reveal the lineup of the new government. Yesterday on a visit to Les Mureaux in the Yvelines she said she wanted to take the time necessary to put together the best team for implementing the president's plans.

The first suspected case of monkeypox has been detected in France. It was reported in the Ile-de-France according to the announcement from the public health authority last night. Several cases of infections have already been identified in other European countries. Symptoms include fever, muscle pain and pimples. Monkeypox is treatable and does not present major risks to people in good health.

Patrick Balkany must continue to wait in order to find out whether his request for conditional release will be accepted by the courts. The court responsible for handling sentences will deliver its decision on the former mayor of Levellois Perret on May 30. Yesterday, the public prosecutor recommended refusing his release. Patrick Balkany is currently doing time at Fleury Mérogis prison after not respecting the terms of being tagged with an electronic bracelet.

Sands from the Sahara desert continue to blow into France. Another cloud is due to arrive in the south-west by the end of the day before spreading across the country. The World Health Organisation recommends avoiding exposure to the sand, as the particles may carry health risks, including respiratory problems.

And finally to some of the most awaited news in the world of football. Star striker Kylian Mbappé is due to give his decision over the weekend about whether he is leaving Paris-Saint-Germain. He will give the news once the final day of the Ligue 1 is over. Kylian Mbappé is expected to join Real Madrid.