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The newly appointed Minister for Solidarity and Health, Damien Abad is facing serious allegations due to things he allegedly did in the past. Two women have accused him of raping them, according to the platform "Mediapart". Abad disputes the allegations. Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne says that she had not been aware of these reports when she made the appointment.

The Observatory of sexist and sexual violence in politics is now calling for demonstrations against the new Minister of Solidarity and Health. A rally will be taking place tomorrow at 6pm in Paris' Place Saint-Augustin, not far from the Ministry of the Interior.

Russia is ready to resume talks; this statement came yesterday from a Kremlin adviser on Belarusian television. Moscow wants to resume dialogue with Ukraine to find a solution to the conflict. Russia claims the last round of discussions were frozen by Kyiv.

In Paris, the public transport provider, the RATP will continue its strike today. Employees are contesting their working conditions. Today all bus and tram schedules in the Ile-de-France region are "severely disrupted". The RATP has planned for three out of five trams and two out of three buses. Metros and RERs will not be affected

Violent thunderstorms hit France last night. The west and centre of the country in particular experienced strong winds and hailstones. According to La Nouvelle République, four people were injured due to hail in Châteauroux. The storms were caused by the high temperatures over the past few days.

And finally, to tennis, and the Roland-Garros main draw got underway yesterday. However, only one of the six French players in yesterday's first round matches made it through. Grégoire Barrère advances to the second round after winning against Japanese player, Taro Daniel.