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France's healthcare workers and caregivers are out on strike today to highlight the current strain on hospitals. Nine unions have called for action and members will congregate in around 50 separate demonstrations across the country throughout the day. Of particular concern is the closing of emergency departments due to a lack of nursing staff. In relation to the French health system, pressure on hospitals may soon increase with a possible new wave of the coronavirus. Authorities have been investigating the spread of new variants BA.4 and BA.5. Overall, Covid cases in France have risen slightly in the past week. 22,000 new confirmed cases were recorded in the past seven days.

Alliance will file an official complaint against La France Insoumise leader, Jean-Luc Mélenchon. The police union announced their plan to take action after Mr Mélenchon's tweet relating to the shooting of a woman by armed police in which he said: "The police kill and the Alliance group justifies her death because of 'failure to comply'". Since the incident, three police officers have been placed in custody.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson will keep his position after winning a vote of no confidence. The motion was initiated after the scandal over parties which were organised at 10 Downing Street during lockdown. However, despite obtaining the majority vote, more than 40% of Tory MPs voted against him.

In news of the war in Ukraine, fighting has escalated in the east of the country. President Volodymyr Zelensky has declared the "difficult situation" in Severodonetsk where Russian attacks have intensified. President Putin has once again given a warning to the west about providing the Ukrainian army with long-range weapons.

And finally to football and a disappointing result for the French team in their UEFA Nations League match against Croatia which ended in a draw. This comes off the back of their defeat against Denmark a few days ago. Their next match is next Friday against Austria.