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Temperatures in France will hit the high thirties in some areas today. A heat wave is expected in the south and the Rhône valley with predicted temperatures of 34 to 38 degrees. In the Nouvelle Aquitaine and Occitanie, it is predicted to be even hotter on Thursday and Friday when the area may experience temperatures of over 40 degrees.

The extreme heat is of concern for the 523,000 lycée students who are sitting their philosophy baccalaureate exam today. Pupils in their final school year will be allowed to leave the exam room to have a drink if they need. This exceptional measure has been brought in by the Ministry of Education.

Two people have been killed and another two left injured after a shooting in Lyon. The incident took place last night in the Duchère district of the city. It has not been officially confirmed whether anyone has been arrested for the shooting but it is strongly believed by investigators to have been a revenge attack.

During his visit to a French army base in Romania, President Macron told soldiers stationed there that they “can be proud of their mission”. The French head of state made the trip to this part of eastern Europe as part of an overview of the situation in nearby Ukraine. Macron will then head to Moldova this afternoon which has taken in over 100,000 Ukrainian refugees in the past months.

Prior to this trip, Macron gave his reaction to the first round results in the législatives. In a short speech from Orly airport, he called on his supporters to rally for the second round. He also criticised the NUPES alliance who had suggested that there were discrepancies in the vote counting in the first round. Meanwhile, Jean-Luc Mélenchon who heads up the left-wing alliance, questioned Macron’s timing for his visit to Romania and claimed his speech was “à la Donald Trump”.

And finally to football news where Bordeaux have been relegated to Ligue 2. This decision was in relation to their financial situation. The club has already announced their plans to appeal.