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France is set to experience one of its hottest days on record today, with temperatures expected to soar well above 40 degrees in several places and 15 départements on red alert due to the heatwave. Extreme temperatures are expected from Brittany to Aquitaine. 51 départements are also on orange alert in the far west and south east.

More than 13,000 hectares in the Gironde have now burned down, as the forest fires caused by the hot weather continue to spread. Fire fighters remain unable to control the situation nearly a week after the first fires started. More villages have been evacuated, bringing the number of people forced to leave their homes or campsites to more than 16,000.

In the Hautes Alpes region a hamlet of houses has been cut off after a landslide yesterday evening. The landslides have been brought on by the violent storms and mudslides in the areas surrounding Nice. Rescue services have been deployed to clear access to the road. There have been no casualties.

The suspect of the triple murders in Angers was charged and placed in pre-trial detention yesterday. He is suspected of killing 3 people with a knife, including a 16-year-old teenager. The offences took place last Saturday. The 32-year-old defendant is also accused of sexual assault, which he allegedly committed earlier in the evening.

The Russian journalist who publicly opposed the war in Ukraine was arrested yesterday in Moscow. Marina Ovsianikova drew the public's attention in March when she appeared live on a TV set carrying a sign with an anti-war message. She has since been fined for her actions. The Russian authorities have not given the reason for her arrest, although a few days ago Ovsianikova was seen by herself demonstrating against the war near the Kremlin.

And finally to the Tour de France and Jasper Philipsen won yesterday's 15th stage in Carcassonne. It was the first success for the Belgian rider in this year's Grande Boucle. There were no real changes to the overall ranking, despite a fall from Jonas Vingegaard which luckily was not serious. Today is the final rest day for the peloton before the end of this year's Tour.