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Emmanuel Macron has pledged to rebuild homes and businesses destroyed in the Gironde wildfires and replant the pine forests lost to the blaze but according to different rules. The President was in the Gironde yesterday, where forest fires have been blazing for more than a week. Macron said that replanting the trees there would be a "major national project" but that it should go hand in hand with the purchase of more firefighting planes. In total, nearly 21,000 hectares have burned down in Teste-de-Buch and Landiras since last week. The fires are no longer spreading but are yet to be extinguished.

Fires also continue to rage in Brittany. The Prosecutor's office in Quimper has announced the opening of two investigations, one of which is for the criminal offence of "voluntary destruction using fire". The two fires concerned were caused by humans, facts that have been confirmed by the prefecture of Finistère. Both fires are now almost put out, but according to the latest reports, they have destroyed 1,725 hectares of woods and moorlands.

1,000 new police positions will be created in Paris within the next 5 years. Gerald Darmanin made the announcement in the newspaper Le Parisien. The Minister of the Interior also announced that a new, unprecedented type of training centre for maintaining security and public order was in the pipeline for the Val-de-Marne. There, police will receive specialist training on how to keep public demonstrations and crowds under control. No specific dates have been given.

The UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson has bid his farewells to parliament two weeks after resigning. Yesterday saw Johnson at the podium in the House of Commons for his last ever Prime Minister's Question time. He will now return to life as a normal member of parliament. In the running to succeed him are two of Johnson's former cabinet ministers, former finance minister Rishi Sunak and the current minister for foreign affairs, Liz Truss

And finally to football, the woe begotten team the Girondins de Bordeaux will be appealing to the CNOSF today to challenge the decision from France's football watchdog to relegate them to the third division based on their dire financial straits. Earlier this week, the Bordeaux commercial court gave the green light to the agreement between the club and its creditors. The decision on the club's future could come as soon as tomorrow or more likely on Monday.