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A 19-year-old man died last night in Marseille during an urban rodeo. He allegedly lost control of his motorcycle before violently crashing into a pole. The latest drama of this kind comes as the Minister of the Interior, Gerald Darmanin, announced a reinforcement of measures to fight against these events. From today, every police station will carry out at least 3 operations per day to prevent urban rodeos from taking place.

There has been considerable material damage in Paris and in the South of France after severe weather in the past 24 hours. Two people were seriously injured last night in the Corrèze after a tree fell down in a campsite. Five départements are still on orange alert: Vaucluse for risk of thunderstorms and the Hérault, the Gard, the Bouches du Rhône and the Var, for storms and flooding.

Due to the ongoing bad weather, President Macron will go to Bormes-les-Mimosas this evening. The President of the Republic was expected in the Var to celebrate the 78th anniversary of the liberation of the city but the event has now been postponed to Friday.

Brigitte Autran, president of the New Scientific Committee has made remarks in a column in the Parisien that "the Covid epidemic is not behind us" and that a peak in the disease is possible from the start of the school year. This has been put down to new variants and the return of seasonal colds.

"A country can be transformed...that's what's happening today". This is a statement made overnight by Joe Biden. The President of the United States signed a law last night on his vast investment plan on the climate and health – a plan worth \$430 billion.

And finally to tennis news. Caroline Garcia has qualified for the next round of this year's Cincinnati tournament, after beating the Greek player Maria Sakkari in 3 sets.