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The orange severe weather alert has been lifted in Corsica. Last night remained relatively calm but after the violent stormy episode of Thursday morning, there have been tragic results. The death toll has reached five with another 20 people injured. Victims are aged between 13 and 70 years of age. President Macron chaired an inter-ministerial crisis unit alongside Prime Minister, Elisabeth Borne and stated: "We will obviously put support measures in place for the people and for the area".

The Head of State is now back from vacation after two weeks at Fort Brégançon. Today, he commemorates the liberation of Bormes-les-Mimosas in the Var as tradition dictates. His arrival is scheduled for 7 this evening with his wife, Brigitte Macron.

An investigation has been opened into an incident in Vénissieux last night when a 20-year-old man died after being hit by police gunfire. According to first reports, it was after a refusal to comply during a police check on an allegedly stolen car. Another victim, aged 26, is in a serious condition.

The price of school supplies is on the increase this year, with a rise of over 25% on the price of certain products. Supplies made of paper, such as notebooks, are particularly affected. An increase is expected again next year. More than 3 million families received their back-to-school allowance this week, a sum which has been increased by 4%.

In football news, Ligue 1 kicks off again this evening and, on the start of the 3rd day, Lyon plays Troyes, with the match starting at 9 p.m. Tomorrow, Monaco go up against Lens and Marseille will play Nantes.

And finally, it will be a red weekend in sight on the roads for those returning from vacation. Traffic will be "very difficult" this Friday throughout France, warns Bison Futé. Saturday will be the busiest day in both directions. Traffic jams are expected to begin at 9:00 o'clock in the morning and will last well into the evening.