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Emmanuel Macron is launching his National Council for the refoundation or refondation of the country today. Political stakeholders, unions, associations and citizens will meet this morning in Marcoussis to discuss several topics on the theme of reform. These include employment, health, education and ecology. However, there will be some key figures absent from today's meeting. The main leaders of the opposition political parties, as well as the leaders of the unions CGT and FO unions are shunning the scheme, claiming that it is a gimmick that will not achieve anything.

A man was killed by police in Nice last night after refusing to comply with their orders. The driver of the vehicle had been spotted "zigzagging dangerously" on the expressway which bypasses the city. The motorist then allegedly hit the police vehicle several times when they gave chase. One of the officers then opened fire. The suspect died of his injuries. The vehicle's passenger was arrested and taken into custody

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky confirmed yesterday that Kyiv forces had taken back several localities in the Kharkiv region from Russian troops. The region, in the north-east of the country, has been occupied by the Russians since the invasion got underway.

The UN considers it "credible" that Ukrainian children have been transferred by force to Russia. The United Nations is nonetheless concerned that they may be adopted by Russian families. The local authorities have simplified the adoption procedure in order to grant Russian citizenship to Ukrainian children who were not in the care of their parents

To football now and Marseille leaves London empty-handed. OM were beaten by Tottenham last night after making it to the Champions League. The final score was 2-0.

And finally none of the country's départements are on alert for storms any more. All warnings were lifted last night, after torrential rains and violent thunderstorms hit Hérault and the Gard.