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Scotland yesterday said goodbye to their Queen. The coffin of the late monarch Elizabeth II left Balmoral Castle after her death last Thursday, completing a funeral procession of 300km to Edinburgh – a route lined with several thousand people wanting to pay their last tributes. A service will take place today in Saint Giles Cathedral in the Scottish capital after which she will head south to London to lie in state before her funeral next Monday.

Ukraine continues to reclaim territory from the Russians. President Volodymyr Zelensky confirmed last night that his army had taken over the city of Izium from Russian forces, a strategic city in the east of the country, located between Kharkiv and Donetsk. As a sign of retaliation, the Russian army allegedly bombed many infrastructures according to Ukrainian authorities which has caused major power cuts in the east of the country.

Meanwhile, President Macron and Russian leader Vladimir Putin spoke again yesterday to discuss security around the Zaporijia nuclear power plant. The French head of state called on Russia to withdraw its weapons while the Kremlin chief warned of "catastrophic consequences" of Ukrainian attacks on the power plant's perimetre.

In the trial of the January 2015 attacks in Paris, two of the defendants will be tried from today on appeal. They still dispute their links with the crimes committed against Charlie Hebdo and the Hyper Kasher supermarket. The trial will be held until October the 21st.

There will be a return to hot weather today in France. Much of the country, in particular the massif centrale and the south-west will see temperature records for the month of September. Bordeaux may reach 37 degrees later on today.

And finally to tennis. Winning the first Grand Slam title of his career at only 19 years old, the Spaniard Carlos Alcaraz won the final of the US Open against the Norwegian Casper Ruud in 4 sets. He also becomes the new world number 1 in the ATP rankings, the youngest in history.

