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Hurricane Ian has taken a heavy toll in Florida, with at least 12 people dead, colossal material damage, and millions of people without electricity. Some neighbourhoods remain underwater as boats and yachts drift inland. A state of major natural disaster has been declared, with US president Joe Biden calling Ian potentially the deadliest hurricane in Florida's history.

A major turning point in Russia's war with Ukraine lies ahead today. Russian president Vladimir Putin is due to give a speech at the close of the referendums on annexing the four regions of Ukraine occupied by the Russian army. Putin is expected to ratify a victory for the "yes" vote and officially recognise the regions of Donetsk, Lugansk, Kherson and Zaporijjia as full parts of the Russian Federation. Kyiv and several Western countries have already expressed that they do not recognise this as a legitimate vote. Nonetheless, if today Putin announces that the regions are officially now part of Russia, any attempt by Ukrainian forces to take them back could be met with the use of nuclear weapons.

Gerald Darmanin and Eric Dupont Morreti will be in Guyana today for a series of security meetings. The main focus for the Minister of the Interior and the Keeper of the Seals during their trip will be how to put an end to drug trafficking and delinquency in the overseas department. They will be meeting with local elected officials and Guyanese territorial officials.

The car manufacturer Renault is experiencing a shortage of semiconductors. The lack of the electrical component has now reached the point that production has had to stop. The Renault sites at Douai and Maubeuge are stopping production for three days as well as the entire week of October 17th. Semiconductors are mainly manufactured in Asia, and there has been a shortage since spring 2021.

And finally, in Britain, the portrait of the new king, Charles III that will be used on money in the UK will be unveiled today. This portrait is the one that will be printed on 50p and £5 coins. The coins with Charles' face on should be in circulation within the next few months. Don't worry if you still have pocket change with the late Queen Elizabeth's face on though, that money will remain valid and you will still be able to spend it in the UK.

