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Towns in Normandy and the Hauts de France can start to recover this morning from the storm damage that hit them over the weekend. Damage included vehicles lifted up and uprooted trees. A tornado hit the town of Bihucourt in Pas-de-Calais. The small village of 360 inhabitants was completely devastated. Two thirds of the houses were completely destroyed, although the town hall is stressing that no one was hurt. The electricity in the local area was cut off out of concern for safety.

Three hundred people are expected in Lillers in the Pas de Calais today for a final tribute to Lola. The 12-year-old girl was found dead in a suitcase in Paris. Her funeral is being held this afternoon in the town.

In Great Britain, Rishi Sunak is getting closer to 10 Downing Street. The 42-year-old former chancellor of the exchequer has every chance of succeeding Liz Truss as Prime Minister. Sunak has no obstacles ahead after Boris Johnson's withdrawal from the race. He could be appointed as early as this evening.

Another painting was the target of an attack from environmental activists over the weekend. Les Meules by Claude Monet which is displayed in a gallery in Germany got mashed potatoes thrown at it. The painting is protected by a layer of glass.

Zinédine Zidane will return in wax form to the Grévin museum today. His new wax statue will be unveiled to the delight of all football fans. The 1998 world football champion had disappeared from the museum for a few years but has returned after several requests from visitors.