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“It's a good day for democracy” This was the reaction from US president Joe Biden last night as the country's midterm elections wrapped up. Initial results show that the Democrats fared better than expected against the Republicans. The Republicans are however posed to take control of the House of Representatives. The two parties are currently neck and neck in the Senate.

In a major setback for Russia, Moscow has announced it is pulling its troops from Kherson in Ukraine, claiming it is to protect the lives of Russian soldiers. The decision comes a month after Vladimir Putin proclaimed the annexation of the region. Moscow has been faced with a vast counter-offensive from Ukrainian forces.

In Paris, it's Black Thursday for public transport. The transport company RATP is on strike, with 5 metro lines closed completely today and RER train running times will be disrupted all day. Buses and trams will also be disrupted. RATP staff are demanding higher wages and better working conditions.

An operation is underway in Isère to rescue a pair of cavers. The two women are stuck in a chasm near Villard de Lans. It is not known whether they are injured, although they have been able to talk to rescue services.

And finally to football and the Qatar World Cup squad has been picked. French coach Didier Deschamps has decided on the 25 players going on the trip. Among them are Olivier Giroud, Raphaël Varane and Jordan Veretou. However, Mike Maignan and Jonathan Clauss did not make the cut. The first match for Les Bleus will be taking place on November 22 when France plays Australia.