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The migrant rescue ship, the Ocean Viking docked this morning in the harbour of Toulon. Nearly 230 migrants were on board, who will now join a waiting area before proceeding to a holiday village in Gien where their asylum applications will be processed. The ship's passengers include several sick people as well as children. Those eligible for asylum will be welcomed in France and nine other European countries. The Minister of the Interior Gérald Darmanin has confirmed that any others will be returned to their home countries.

The fifth Paris Peace Forum will get underway today, opened by Emmanuel Macron. Some 4,000 people are expected to attend, including Heads of State and Government, digital business leaders and NGOs. Hot topics include the war in Ukraine, the energy crisis and how to handle the refugee crisis.

Football fans heading to Qatar to watch the world cup are being advised to leave their usual phone at home and take a blank disposable phone with them for staying in touch. French data protection authorities suspect the Qatari government of intending to use various applications to spy on smartphone content.

To sports and today sees the start of day 15 of the Ligue 1. Olympique Lyonnais will play Nice at 9pm this evening.

In the transatlantic boat race the Route du Rhum, the skipper Charles Caudrelier has had his penalty withdrawn. The skipper had initially received a four-hour penalty for crossing the start line. Caudrelier maintains his lead in the Ultimate category.

And finally a word on this morning's ceremonies to mark today's date November 11th. Emmanuel Macron presided over the ceremonies at the Arc de Triomphe to commemorate the Armistice of 1918 ending the First World War. Today's national holiday pays tribute to all soldiers who have lost their lives in operations.