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New local railway networks are going to be introduced in 10 cities across the country. The networks, which will reflect Paris' RER network, are under development in cities such as Lille, Aix and Marseille, Lyon and Bordeaux. The announcement came from Emmanuel Macron yesterday in a YouTube video. The president described the public transport developments as "a great national ambition" and "a great objective for ecology". The aim is to vastly reduce the number of cars used in the cities in question.

Hundreds of bikers gathered in Paris yesterday to protest the introduction of a ministry of transport check for roadworthiness for motorised two-wheel vehicles. The measure was imposed by the European Union, and reinstated by the conseil d'état on October 31.

A 16-year-old boy has been taken into police custody in the Yvelines. He turned himself into the police station and claims he is the perpetrator of the murder of a 14-year-old teenager in Coignières. The young boy was killed on Saturday evening by several hammer blows to the head, during a brawl between rival gangs.

In China, thousands of people gathered to protest the country's "zero Covid" policy yesterday in Beijing, Shanghai and Wuhan. Protestors slammed the government's drastic measures, which include locking down as soon as first cases are detected. Some protesters even called for the resignation of Chinese President Xi Jinping.

It was a night of football-fuelled violence in Belgium last night, after the Red Devils lost out to Morocco 2-0 in the World Cup. "Dozens of people" targeted street furniture and police forces. A journalist was also injured in the face by fireworks.

And finally to the World Cup and the action on the pitch. Spain and Germany drew last night 1-1. Today sees the final matches of the second group stages. In group G, Cameroon play against Serbia and Brazil are up against Switzerland while Group H sees South Korea against Ghana and Portugal against Uruguay.