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Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne is circulating a note to the country's prefects about what to do in the case of power cuts this winter. The aim is to prepare for possible temporary and localised power outages, which could happen due to electricity shortages. The cuts would not last for more than two hours a day and only during peak consumption times. France's schools could stand to be affected by the cuts. However, critical sites such as hospitals, prisons and even fire stations will keep their power on no matter what.

Up to three quarters of the country's medical practices could be closed this morning until the end of tomorrow. Liberal and general practitioners are going on strike. Their demands include doubling the price of a basic consultation from 25 euros to 50 euros.

Controllers for the railway company the SNCF are also going on strike at the end of the week. Just less than half of highspeed TGV trains and the slower Intercité trains will be running from Friday to Sunday. A call to strike has also been issued for December 7.

France has chartered two additional ships for rescuing migrants stranded in the channel. The decision came yesterday as there has been a record increase in the number of attempted crossings. More than 40,000 migrants have arrived to the UK this year on small boats.

Emmanuel Macron continues on his visit to the United States today. The president will be dropping in on the White House at 3 pm French time to meet his American counterpart Joe Biden. The two presidents will be discussing Franco American relations, the war in Ukraine and even China.

And finally, to the World Cup and the controversy over that goal from Griezmann yesterday. The French team finished yesterday's game under the impression that they had equalised against Turkey. However, the referee decided to refuse the goal after the final whistle, meaning France lost 1-0. France still finish top of their group and will play against Poland on Sunday at 4 pm.