



## The News

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France England is the match lined up for next Saturday in the World Cup quarter finals. It was an easy win for England 3-0 against Senegal last night. Meanwhile, France also had a comfortable win 3-1 against Poland. Olivier Giroud scored the first goal and now, with 52 goals under his belt, is the top scorer in the history of the France team.

Three quarters of the country's trains will be running as scheduled today after a weekend of heavy disruption. SNCF controllers have been on strike since late last week. They are demanding better recognition of their status and better pay. They are threatening to strike over the Christmas and New Year weekends. Discussions have been lined up to take place on Thursday between unions and SNCF management.

Nicolas Sarkozy will be in court this week. The former president is being retried on appeal in the so-called "wiretapping" case. In March 2021, Sarkozy was sentenced to 3 years in prison including a year's custodial sentence for corruption and influence peddling. At the time, Sarkozy said he was the victim of "profound injustice". The Paris Court of Appeal will render its decision in a week's time.

A hospital of Versailles is going to file a complaint with police. The hospital has been the target of a cyber- attack since Saturday evening. It has now cut off its computer system as a security measure and is only accepting limited numbers of patients. The Paris prosecutor's office has opened a preliminary investigation for attempted extortion

And finally, 7,700 euros was the price fetched for a lock of Napoleon's hair yesterday. The gold medallion containing the hair was sold at an auction in Cherbourg.