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One of France's most famous YouTubers, Norman Thavaud, has spent his first night in police custody after being identified as the subject of a preliminary investigation into rape and corruption. Six women have filed a complaint against the 32-year-old video producer. One of the alleged victims had made claims about his actions in the summer of 2020. The young woman and the comedian will meet face-to-face today.

Nicolas Sarkozy has had to defend himself in a court over the so-called wiretapping case. "I have never corrupted anyone" he said on the first day of his appeal trial. The former head of state is accused of having tried to obtain information from a senior magistrate in the Bettencourt affair.

After a gradual return to normal at the start of the week, new disruptions are to be expected on the railways. Unions are calling on SNCF staff to stop work tomorrow, on the first day of annual wage negotiations. TGV and Intercity services will be cancelled and there are also disruptions to be expected on TER lines.

Emmanuel Macron has promised wording which combines "firmness and humanity" in the Immigration Bill which will be presented to the National Assembly. The topic will be debated but not voted on today and includes particular measures to facilitate the expulsion of delinquent foreigners, accelerate asylum application procedures, and assist undocumented workers.

Russian bombardments are not slowing down in Ukraine. Moscow increased strikes on the country yesterday, killing at least 4 people, according to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky. The local electricity operator has warned that urgent power cuts will have to take place with electricity only being supplied as a priority to essential buildings and services.

And finally to football where Brazil has qualified for the 1/4 finals of the World Cup in Qatar. They beat South Korea last night 4 goals to 1 and go on to play Croatia on Friday.