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Twelve départements have been placed under orange alerts for snow and ice stretching from the Loire to the Savoie but also reaching Normandy and Brittany. As the winter season takes hold, snowfall is expected in many parts as well as freezing rain.

As weather conditions deteriorate, the government's winter plan has been launched in several départements including the Rhône and Paris. Several dozen emergency beds have been freed up to accommodate people who sleep on the streets at night as temperatures drop to below 0 degrees.

The waiting will finally end for the families of victims of the Nice terrorist attack as the verdict is read in court later today. The National Anti-Terrorism Prosecutor's Office has requested sentences of 2 to 15 years in prison for the accused. The Paris court will have to consider the 81 separate points concerning the guilt of the defendants.

An investigation continues in Brussels at the European Parliament and new searches have already been carried out over allegations that Qatar is suspected of having paid bribes to influence decisions on a European scale. The vice president Eva Kaïli, is at the heart of this affair, and is herself suspected of corruption.

A conference to support Ukraine is scheduled today in Paris and will take place in the company of the Ukrainian Prime Minister. Two sections have been planned. The first is aimed at meeting Ukraine's needs to get through the winter, and the second is with French companies who are involved in the reconstruction of the country, as outlined by President Macron on Twitter

And finally, who will make it through to the final of the World Cup in Qatar? The match tonight will see Argentina facing Croatia at 8 o'clock. For the other semi-final, we will have to wait for tomorrow when France will take on Morocco.