



## The News

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Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelensky is expected in Washington today. The US visit is the first time that Zelensky has left the country since the start of the war with Russia. He will meet his US counterpart Joe Biden at the White House before giving a speech this evening before Congress. The visit comes just as the United States has pledged more aid to Ukraine, with a shipment of weapons and a Patriot anti-aircraft system.

If you're planning on travelling by train over the Christmas weekend then watch out for timetable disruptions as the unions Sud Rail and the CGT have filed a strike notice. The SNCF has announced that two thirds of trains will be running on Friday. The railway operator has promised a 200% refund to any travellers whose trains are cancelled over the festive weekend.

The latest immigration bill will be discussed by the conseil d'état today. With the country's healthcare sector struggling to fill positions, in a bid to attract doctors from overseas, the bill provides for a residence permit for health professionals.

200 people gathered outside the police station in Blois yesterday to protest at police inaction when a 24 year old woman had attempted to report domestic violence. The woman, who was told by police to come back later, is now in a coma as she suffered further violence from her spouse. The officer who failed to take the complaint has been questioned by the IGPN, or the police of the police. He has been suspended from his duties.

More than 5 million people gathered yesterday in Buenos Aires to celebrate the national football team returning home with the World Cup. At one point, the crowd was so dense that the players' parade ground to a halt as it was impossible for the bus to move any further. In the end, the world champion players had to be evacuated by helicopter. 31 people were injured and received medical care.

And finally, it's the series that sparked a thousand memes, today Emily in Paris is back. The series which chronicles the life of an American marketing exec in the city of lights has returned to Netflix for a third season. Maybe this time Emily will even make it onto the metro.

