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After Storm Gérard passed through in recent days, it is the Fien storm which is now sweeping across France. Strong gusts of wind blowing at more than 120 km/h are expected in the South-West where 4 départements have also been placed on orange alert. At the same time, a total of 17 départements are on alert this morning, of which 10 are for snow and ice, in the areas surrounding the Alps and the Massif Central.

A huge fire in Grand-Couronne, near Rouen, has now been contained. The fire broke out yesterday in a 6000 m² building owned by the company Bolloré Logistics. The flames set fire to lithium batteries at one part of the site, before spreading to a tyre warehouse. The site was not Seveso classified and there is no danger for local residents, according to the préfecture.

Following on from the case of the deadly brawl in Thiais in the Val-de-Marne, 3 young people aged 15 to 16, have been placed in police custody. They are suspected of being involved in the murder of a 16-year-old teenager who was stabbed yesterday morning in front of his high school. It is believed to be an attack based on the rivalry between gangs.

A bill to revive nuclear power in France is being examined from today by the Senate. It aims to accelerate the construction of reactors in accordance with what President Macron announced back in February 2022. The aim is to shorten the administrative and environmental procedures around such projects.

The NGO Sea Shepherd France has filed an official complaint after the discovery of mutilated and disemboweled dolphins on beaches along the Atlantic coast. It is believed that accidental capture by fishing gear is one of the main causes of mortality. The association for the defence of the oceans has said that France should be ashamed of these incidences.

And finally to tennis in Melbourne where the Australian Open is being played. After a 3-hour break due to the heat, which reached 37 degrees on court, matches were finally

able to resume. In terms of the progress being made by French players, Caroline Garcia qualified for the second round but it's over for Alizé, Cornet and Parry.