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There's just a day to go until the next large-scale protest at the government's pension reform plans. Travel is going to prove tricky tomorrow as the SNCF has confirmed that only a third of TGV trains will be running, a fifth of TER trains and almost no Intercités services. In Paris, the transport network RATP has confirmed that the capital's local transport will be heavily disrupted. Disruptions also lie ahead in airports, at Orly airport only 1 in 5 flights will be running as scheduled. Strikes will also be taking place in schools, post offices, ports and ski stations. The pension reform plans will be discussed today in the government's commission and will be presented to the Assemblée Nationale a week from today.

Change lies ahead in the Assemblée Nationale after the results of the second round of legislative elections in the Pas-de-Calais and Marne et Charente this weekend. The far right party the Rassemblement National lost a representative while the left wing France Insoumise should gain one. The majority party keeps the same number of seats.

The government is due to present its plan today on tackling all forms of racism and discrimination. The five-fold plan comprises around twenty measures which aim to punish the perpetrators of acts discrimination, increase children's awareness of the issue and tackle discrimination in the hiring process.

Today will be a crucial day for Noel Le Graet, as the audit of how the French Football Federation is run lies ahead. The former chairperson of the FFF retired a few days ago following accusations of harassment. He had promised to resign if the audit report was damning. The final verdict is expected in mid-February

To football and the action on the pitch, yesterday Paris Saint Germain were held in check by Reims. PSG drew at home 1-1 on day 20 of the Ligue 1. PSG remain at the top of the leader board but now only three points ahead of Lens.

And finally, last night proved to be a big disappointment to the French handball team. They narrowly lost out on the world Championship in the final against Denmark. The final score was 34-29.