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A powerful earthquake of magnitude 7.8 hit southern Turkey last night, causing the deaths of 76 people in Turkey and 50 in Syria. It is the most serious earthquake in Turkey since 1999.

In France, the investigation continues in Brittany in order to find H el ena. The 21-year-old has been missing from near Brest for 1 week. According to the prosecutor, there is a man who confessed to his own brother about "committing a mistake, an accident", without giving any more details. The suspect has since allegedly twice attempted suicide. He is currently in hospital. His vehicle was also found on fire

The government's pension reform will be examined from today in the Assembl e Nationale. The bill has undergone some changes in the last 24 hours. Yesterday, Elisabeth Borne confirmed that ministers would extend the system to account for long working lives. Now, people who started work between the ages of 20 and 21 can retire at 63.

However, this latest assurance from the Prime Minister has not deterred the strike plans for tomorrow. Public transport will be severely disrupted as the SNCF says that only half of TGV trains will be running as well as 30% of TER services.

To rugby now and yesterday's match proved a tricky one for France's first XV. Les bleus struggled against Italy but ultimately won the match to gain entry to the 6 Nations Tournament. The final score was 29-24.

And finally to football and day 22 of the Ligue 1 spelled disaster for Olympique Marseille. OM lost at home last night to Nice, with a final score of 3-1. Marseille remains 2nd in the league but lost out on drawing any closer to leaders PSG and putting distance between themselves and third place RC Lens.