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NUPES, the left-wing alliance of political parties, has announced its plan to withdraw a thousand amendments on the debates surrounding pension reform. The objective is to speed up talks on this contentious topic at the Assembly which are due to end on Friday evening.

Doctors' surgeries across France will largely be closed today. GPs have been called upon to strike in order to demand an increase in consultation rates, among a variety of issues. They are also opposing a bill which aims to give patients direct access to certain nurses, physiotherapists and speech therapists, without having to make an appointment with a doctor beforehand. A demonstration is being planned for this afternoon in Paris.

Health concerns over Pierre Palmade have subsided since the comedian was hospitalized after his serious road accident on Friday in the Seine-et-Marne. With the improvement to the injuries he sustained, the actor may soon be placed in police custody for homicide and involuntary injuries. He was driving his car under the influence of cocaine when he hit another vehicle in which a woman, who was 7-months pregnant, lost her baby as a direct result.

There has been a shocking discovery in Paris where part of a human body was found yesterday in the Parc des Buttes-Chaumont. The discovery of a woman's pelvis has led to an official investigation being opened.

Almost 9 months after the Champions League final between Liverpool and Real Madrid at the Stade de France, an independent report, commissioned by UEFA, was published yesterday to explain the fiasco which took place that evening. The 200-page document points the finger at UEFA, who was responsible for the smooth running of the event but also at the French police, who should not have used tear gas on supporters.

And finally to football being played tonight, where PSG welcomes Bayern Munich in the first leg of the Champions League quarter-finals. The match kicks off at 9 o'clock.