



## The News

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President Macron gave a speech last night about the controversial new pension reforms which have outraged many French citizens. He discussed the impact of the new changes pushed through last week in a 13-minute speech in which he also acknowledged that these reforms were not accepted by everyone and that he has recognised their frustration.

The Head of State, however, now wants to turn the page and focus on new plans for the future including three priorities which he has outlined concerning education, health and the justice system.

Unsurprisingly, there have been strong reactions from his political opponents. The leader of La France Insoumise, Jean-Luc Mélenchon, has stated that the president is out of touch with reality, and the former National Rally president, Marine Le Pen said that he had “again chosen to turn his back on the French and ignore their suffering”.

In the rest of the news, today is an important day for the future of GoSport. The Commercial Court in Grenoble is today examining the twenty offers submitted to take over the sports equipment brand. Yesterday, the group owned by the businessman, Michel Ohayon, gave up its plans to try to continue operating. GoSport employs just under 2,200 employees.

In Sudan, the ambassador of the European Union was attacked yesterday at his home but reports say that he was not injured. Since Saturday, tension has been mounting in the capital city, Khartoum, as two generals compete to take control. At least 185 people have died according to the United Nations.

And finally to football and the quarter-finals of the Champions League. There are two matches on the programme tonight at 9 o'clock. Chelsea takes on Real Madrid after a defeat last week, and AC Milan who won the first leg, plays against Naples.