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The Pyrénées Orientales area is currently facing extreme drought. Christophe Béchu is expected in the area today. The Minister for the Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion will be taking part in a meeting of the drought committee. This week, the prefect for the Pyrénées Orientales stated that this summer there will not be enough water for everything people want to use water for when it is hot. He has warned that difficult decisions will have to be made, including an extension on the measure for tightening water restrictions that has been in place until April 30.

Emmanuel Macron pledged 1 billion and 500 million euros for making public places more accessible yesterday. The President was attending the National Conference on Disability. The money will particularly go towards making small establishments such as shops or public services premises accessible for everyone.

The President has more visits lined up this week; today he will be in the Doubs to mark the 175th anniversary of the abolition of slavery in France and on Saturday he will be attending the Coupe de France final between Nantes and Toulouse at the Stade de France. But at the moment, it is the public's reaction to the pension reform championed by Emmanuel Macron that dominates any of the President's official visits. Clanging saucepans have been proving popular, whereas on Saturday, several unions have planned to hand out red cards and whistles to spectators ahead of the match in order to further protest the pension reform in Macron's presence.

And with Monday being May 1st and Labour Day, unions are gearing up for full scale protests against the reform. In airports, up to 33% of flights will be cancelled, with delays also to be expected. In Paris, between 80 to 100 thousand demonstrators are expected to line the streets.

The public prosecutor in the case of the murdered little girl whose body was found in a plastic bag in a social housing apartment in the Vosges has released some more information about the main suspect. He is a 15 year old boy who has previously been charged for the rape of a minor.

And finally, Paris Saint Germain is positioning itself to buy the Stade de France. The capital's football club has to officially submit its takeover proposal today. The stadium

could cost the club up to 700 million euros. And yet, not everyone is necessarily onboard with the plan, especially the PSG fans who are strongly attached to the team's current stadium, the Parc des Princes.