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Today is May the 8th and it is the 78th anniversary of the armistice that ended the Second World War. Several ceremonies will be taking place across the country today. Emmanuel Macron will be lighting the flame at the tomb of the unknown soldier in Paris before leaving for Lyon where he will be paying tribute to a key figure from the resistance, Jean Moulin.

The President could be in for a cacophonous time at these public visits though. Recently, Macron has been greeted by clanging saucepans whenever he is out and about as members of the public protest the recent pension reform. However, given the nature of the commemoration ceremonies today, the Prefectures of Paris and the Rhône have issued orders to ban any protest rallies near the commemorations. The union the CGT has lodged an appeal against these anti-demonstration orders.

A work of art was sprayed with purple paint at the Palais de Tokyo in Paris yesterday. The painting, called "fuck abstraction!" is by Swiss artist Miriam Cahn. It depicts sexual abuse and according to the artist was a reaction to abuses inflicted by Russian troops in Ukraine. Some had said it promoted paedophilia. Yesterday, the elderly man responsible for the vandalism smuggled the paint into the gallery in a medicine bottle. The Minister of Culture, Rima Abdul Malak said it was a direct attack on freedom of expression.

And finally to football and Paris Saint Germain have an impressive six point lead at the top of the Ligue 1 after winning 3-1 against Troyes yesterday. Lyon also enjoyed a 5-4 win against Montpellier yesterday.