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The five passengers onboard the Titan have been confirmed dead by the US coastguard. The submersible likely suffered a "catastrophic implosion" as yesterday debris from the craft was found near the wreck of the Titanic. Searches will continue to try and understand the cause of the accident.

Searches are also continuing in the rue Saint Jacques in Paris after the building explosion earlier in the week. One person is still missing under the rubble at the site in the 5th arrondissement. Six people were seriously injured in what appears to have been a gas leak explosion. Some residents of the street will soon start to be able to return home after around 15 buildings were evacuated.

Lula is expected at the Elysée in the early afternoon. The Brazilian president is currently in Paris to take part in the summit on a new global financial pact to tackle the climate crisis. Lula is due to have lunch with Emmanuel Macron but will be meeting with left-wing Jean-Luc Mélenchon first. Lula supported Jean Luc Mélenchon during his presidential election campaign in 2022.

The comedian and writer Nicolas Bedos will be tried in early 2024 for sexual assault while intoxicated. He has now been released from police custody. A 25-year-old woman filed a complaint against him for sexual touching in a nightclub which was allegedly committed on the night of June 1st. The lawyer for Nicolas Bedos says his client has no memory of making any inappropriate gestures.

And finally, the French women's basketball team are through to the semi-finals of the European championships after a stunning victory against Montenegro yesterday with a final score of 89-46. France will play Belgium on Saturday in the final four.