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150 people were arrested last night across France. The figure comes from the Minister of the Interior Gérald Darmanin after another night of tension following the death of 17-year-old Nahel. He was killed by a police officer during a traffic stop on Tuesday in Nanterre, outside of Paris. Last night, several groups of young people clashed with police in Île-de-France, as well as in Lille, Nice and Toulouse. The Minister of the Interior has deplored "a night of intolerable violence against symbols of the Republic", specifying that town halls, schools and police stations were set on fire or attacked.

The custody period of the police officer suspected of shooting Nahel has been extended. The officer claims the driver of the vehicle refused to comply with his order to stop and that he acted in self-defence. The investigation is ongoing.

In the meantime, Nahel's mother has called for a white march and a demonstration this afternoon. It will take place at 2 p.m. outside of the police prefecture of Hauts-de-Seine.

The verdict in the appeal trial of Jean-Marc Reiser will be handed down today. The 60 year-old is accused of murdering student Sophie le Tan in 2018 near Strasbourg. Her dismembered body was found in the forest in 2019. The appeal trial has been taking place for a little over a week at the Colmar Assize Court. Once again, the prosecutor has recommended a life sentence for Jean-Marc Reiser.

And finally, one of France's largest music festivals, the Eurockéennes, starts today in Belfort. Acts include Orelsan, Indochine, Lomepal, Shaka Ponk and Skrillex. Eurockéennes will be going on 'til Sunday.