



The News

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President Macron visited the Bessières barracks in the 17th arrondissement of the capital last night to meet with police officers six days after the death of young Nael, who was shot dead following an alleged refusal to comply in Nanterre. The president thanked the police force for their role in the face of the rioting which has taken place following the tragic incident.

Today, the head of state will meet with mayors from towns which have been hit hard by the riots in recent days. The aim is to take measures to protect elected officials. Yesterday, rallies took place in front of town halls in support of Vincent Jeanbrun, the mayor of L'Haÿ-les-Roses whose home was ram-raided this weekend.

A prisoner is still on the run near Angers. The man had been in the Argentan prison in the Orne when he succeeded in escaping while on an exit permit at the end of June. He is considered dangerous, having been found guilty of the murders of a woman and a man. Dozens of gendarmes are taking part in a man-hunt to recapture him as soon as possible.

There is continued strike action at hospitals today where doctors denounce – among other issues within their profession – the worrying drop in students wanting to establish careers in medicine. There will be discussions held today at the Ministry of Health, led by François Braun.

In tennis news, it was a complicated first round for French players at Wimbledon. It's over for Luca Van Assche, and Richard Gasquet, Enzo Couacaud and Laurent Lokoli have already been eliminated. However, Corentin Moutet and Diane Parry have both qualified for the second round. Today, fans will see two French players battle it out against each other, as Alexandre Muller takes on Arthur Rinderknech.

And finally to cycling and the Tour de France. After crossing the Basque country yesterday, the 4th stage of the Tour is a 182km stretch between Dax in the Landes and Nogaro in the Gers. The yellow jersey will be on the shoulders of Britain's Adam Yates. Yesterday, the Belgian, Jasper Philipsen, won the sprint in Bayonne. French cyclist Victor Lafay is in fourth position, 12 seconds behind the leader.