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France and India have entered a new military alliance as India has agreed to the purchase of 26 Rafale fighter jets and three additional Scorpene submarines from France. The Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the guest of honour at the July 14th parade in Paris this morning. Modi is seated alongside Emmanuel Macron for the military parade.

There will be a change of location for next year's military parade. Emmanuel Macron announced that the 2024 parade will be taking place between Paris' Place de la Nation and Vincennes in his speech to the armed forces. The switch-up in location is due to not wanting to disrupt the preparations for the Olympic Games. As Paris is the host city, preparations will be in full swing by July of next year. Crowds can look forward to the Olympic flame being integrated into the parade in 2024.

Large numbers of police will be deployed again this evening despite a calm night last night on the eve of the holiday weekend. Police fear for a resumption of violence in urban areas after the death of Nahel M during a traffic stop in Nanterre just over a couple of weeks ago.

There are currently two investigations open at the IGPN, the police of the police, for intentional violence from police officers. These follow three journalists filing complaints about police treatment after covering the banned demonstration in memory of Adama Traoré last Saturday. Five police officers have filed a complaint against Adama's brother, Youssouf Traoré, for violence and resisting arrest. Adama died during a police arrest in 2016.

The interest rate of the French classic savings account, the livret A, will not be revalued on August 1st despite inflation. Bruno LeMaire, the Minister of the Economy says the decision is based on the decline in inflation and the risk to activity and growth. He did promise that the current interest rate would remain at 3% until January 2025, even if there is a drop in inflation.

And finally to cycling, and today's 13th stage of the Tour de France covers 137 kilometres between Châtillon-sur-Chalaronne and Grand-Colombier and gets underway at 1:45 p.m. Yesterday, Spanish rider Ion Izagirre won the 12th stage, pipping French rider Mathieu Burgaudeau to the post. The yellow jersey remains on the shoulders of Jonas Vingegaard.