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An orange alert for very high temperatures has been put in place for 9 départements around the Mediterranean today. Météo France has also warned against the heatwave conditions in Provence and Corsica. Records were broken yesterday with, in one case, a temperature of 40.4° recorded inland in the Pyrénées Orientales.

It may have been a dinner with a strange atmosphere yesterday at the Elysée, where President Macron welcomed his ministers and their spouses to an evening in the gardens. It was a moment to get together before the summer break, but also ahead of the planned reshuffle which should be announced in the coming days. Elisabeth Borne will remain at Matignon, but several ministers could be replaced.

Today is the opening of a judicial inquiry into the case of the disappearance of Emile in Haut Vernet in the Alpes de Haute Provence. The two-and-a-half-year-old boy has been missing for 10 days now. The public prosecutor in charge of the investigation announced the referral of two judges for the continuation of the investigation which hopes to throw light on the disappearance of the little boy.

There has been an unprecedented court decision in the case of the green algae present in parts of Brittany. The administrative court in Rennes has demanded that the state strengthen its fight against the phenomenon within a four-month timeframe. The decision was made yesterday to tackle the toxic green algae which has been invading the beaches of Brittany for decades. It is a consequence of the nitrogenous products used in agriculture.

There has been a major oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico after an explosion on July the 7th on a gas platform. Hydrocarbons have leaked into the Caribbean Sea and now cover nearly 400 m². The situation has been denounced by several NGOs including Greenpeace which points to the lack of transparency by authorities around this disaster which has already cost the lives of two workers.

And finally, a look at the Tour de France after Jonas Vingegaard's victory in the time trial yesterday. It was a great day for the man in the yellow jersey who won this 16th stage and who now has a 48 minute lead in the general classification over Tadej Pogacar.