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The wildfire situation appears to be out of control in Greece and yesterday, the country recorded more than sixty new outbreaks. Several tens of thousands of tourists have been evacuated from the island of Rhodes and now evacuations have also had to take place on the touristic island of Corfu. The Greek Prime Minister declared yesterday that his country was at war against the flames and warned that the coming days would be very difficult.

Far-reaching fires have also taken hold in Algeria where at least 34 people, including a dozen soldiers, lost their lives in the fires that occurred overnight from Sunday to Monday in the north and east of the country. The country has recorded 97 outbreaks and 1,500 people have already been evacuated.

Back in France, it's been made official that Geoffroy Lejeune will take over as head of the Journal du Dimanche editorial staff on August the 1st. The announcement was made yesterday in a press release by the Lagardère group. The arrival of the former journalist from Valeurs Actuelles, had raised concerns from within the newspaper, and workers there have been on strike for more than a month over the decision.

The most famous panda in France, Yuan Meng, will leave Beauval Zoo today to go to China. The animal will be placed in a breeding and reproduction centre for giant pandas which is "A necessity for the good of the species and genetic diversity", according to the zoo. No less than 90 kilos of bamboo shoots have been prepared for the journey. Yuan Meng was the first baby of his species born in France back in 2017.

And now to sports news with the women's Tour de France. Yesterday, the German Liane Lippert won the sprint during the second stage between Clermont and Mauriac. The Tour continues today between Collonges-la-Rouge and Montignac-Lascaux in Nouvelle Aquitaine with the third stage of 147 kilometres.

And finally, it has been the jackpot for the American box office with the release of the Barbie and Oppenheimer movies. Both were released in cinemas last Wednesday, and have grossed \$235 million in a single weekend.