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The ultimatum has expired in Niger. ECOWAS had given the country's military involved in the coup until midnight last night to restore elected President Mohamed Bazoum to his duties. President Bazoum was ousted from power on July 26th by the junta. The soldiers involved have not yielded to pressure from the West African community and have decided to remain at the head of the country by force. They also closed the airspace to avoid any military intervention by ECOWAS .

A hundred firefighters are still mobilized in Rognac in the Bouches-du-Rhône. A fire broke out yesterday in the hills and burned 20 hectares of vegetation. It is now under control, but firefighters remain on site to avoid any further spread of the flames due to strong winds.

The Bouches-du-Rhône remains on red alert today for forest fires, while the Var and Vaucluse are on amber alert.

Two investigations have been opened by the public prosecutor's office in Limoges after the death of two young people on Saturday evening. Two young people fled from police on scooters to avoid a check before hitting a car. The 17 year old driver died instantly whereas the adult passenger died later of their injuries. One of the investigations opened is for the refusal to comply with an order to stop and the other is for manslaughter.

The traffic website the bison futé has forecast heavy traffic in the direction of departures to holidays today whereas traffic on the return journey should be quite fluid.

And finally, Greta Gerwig's film "Barbie" has taken in more than a billion dollars at the box office, a first for a woman. "Barbie" was one of the most highly anticipated releases of the year.