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19 départements are on red alert for heat waves today. 37 départements are on orange alert. Yesterday already saw record-breaking temperatures in some thirty municipalities in the south of France. The government has launched a toll-free number to help with the soaring temperatures. Call 0800 06 66 66 for advice on how to protect yourself and those around you.

Eight people have been injured, one of them seriously, after a fire broke out last night in a three-storey building in Mantes-la-Ville in the Yvelines. Forty firefighters were mobilized to the scene. The cause of the fire is yet to be determined.

Five of the country's schools will not be ready to re-open their doors to students at the end of the summer break in September. The establishments have been deemed too badly damaged during the riots that took place nationwide in late June and early July following the death of young Nahel at the hands of police. The Minister of Education Gabriel Attal, who was on a visit to Dijon yesterday, confirmed that a total of 250 educational facilities were damaged during the riots. There are two weeks to go until the start of the new term.

More than 60 new fires have been recorded over the course of the last few hours in Greece. The authorities have requested the evacuation of a district on the outskirts of Athens. Tens of thousands of people are affected.

And finally, the singer of the hit "L'Italiano" Toto Cutugno died yesterday at the age of 80. Toto won the Eurovision song contest in 1990 and wrote for an array of French singers including Joe Dassin, Michel Sardou and Dalida. Over the course of his career, Toto Cutugno sold a whopping 95 million records worldwide.