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Several arrests have been in Nîmes after two people were shot dead in the area of Pissevin. The deaths were related to drug trafficking. The Minister of the Interior Gérald Darmanin announced that he has referred the case to the Raid anti-terrorism force and a unit from the riot police, the CRS will spend several weeks posted around the clock in one of the city's most troubled neighbourhoods. Darmanin, who will be in the area tomorrow has said that "We have a war on drugs which is very difficult".

17 départements in the south of France remain on red alert for heatwaves, with the rest of France on orange alert apart from Brittany and part of the Pays de la Loire. North France is also on alert for thunderstorms. Yesterday was the hottest day on record after August 15th, with an average nationwide temperature of 27.5 degrees.

Coal-fired power plants have been given the go ahead to operate longer in France in a bid to avoid power cuts this winter. The country's two coal-fired power plants have greenhouse gas emission standards relaxed. The Ministry for Energy Transition has stressed that this is a precautionary measure.

King Charles III and Queen Camilla will be crossing the channel for a state visit to France's shores on September 20th. The two-day royal visit has been confirmed by the Elysée. The British sovereign cancelled the visit scheduled last March last due to protests against pension reform.

And finally, this weekend looks set to be another very busy one on roads across the country. The traffic website the Bison Futé has forecast orange traffic levels across France tomorrow with some red levels in the direction of holidaymakers returning home. Saturday's traffic levels will be red across the country in the direction of returns.