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10 départements have been placed on amber alert by Méteo France this morning for heavy rain and flooding. These include the départements from Finistère to the Vendée and from Manche to Sarthe as well as the Hauts de France and Pas de Calais.

A man died yesterday after taking part in the traditional new year's dip on the beach in in Dieppe. The 39-year-old was found in cardio-respiratory arrest by a team of coastal rescuers. The emergency services were unable to resuscitate him.

The body of a 29-year-old woman has been found in Bourail in New Caledonia. She was most likely killed on a countryside road on Sunday night. A witness has stated that an argument took place between the victim and her spouse and that it had turned violent. The prosecution has confirmed that the spouse is wanted.

At least 30 people have died in Japan after an earthquake yesterday with a magnitude of 7.6. The death toll is expected to rise due to the number of people currently stuck under the rubble. Emmanuel Macron has said that Japan can count on France's support and assistance.

And finally, legendary tennis player Rafael Nadal will be back on court today after practically a year of no matches at all. Nadal will be playing in the ATP Brisbane this morning from 9.30am against Dominic Thiem.