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Farmers unions have submitted their requests to the government and are demanding a formal response to all points if there is to be an end in sight to ongoing road blockades and protests. Farmer demands include the immediate payment of all aid, reduced environmental standards and a rethink of free trade agreements. The cost of all the requests comes to several hundred million euros.

The Minister of Agriculture, the Minister for the Ecological Transition and the Minister for the Economy will be meeting with Gabriel Attal at the Prime Minister's office at Matignon today to address how to respond to farmer demands before the week is out. In the meantime, the road blockages and manure dumps continue.

A white march in memory of the farmer and her daughter who were killed this week at a roadblock in Ariège will be taking place on Saturday in Pamiers. The driver accused of colliding with the family has been charged and placed in pre-trial detention.

A man was shot dead near Nice airport yesterday afternoon and the shooter remains at large. The victim was a Tunisian national and was known to police for drugs offences. An investigation has been opened for pre-meditated murder by an organised group.

And finally to football and Montpellier are through to the next round of the Coupe de France after winning 4-0 yesterday against Feignies Aulnoye. Montpellier will now play at home to Nice on the 8th of February.