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21 days after he was appointed as the youngest Prime Minister of the fifth republic, Gabriel Attal is expected to give a speech outlining his general policies in front of the Assemblée Nationale at 3pm today. Gabriel Attal will be expected to put forward his roadmap for health, education, purchasing power and ecology. He will not be seeking a vote of confidence.

In the meantime, the crisis continues with France's farmers. The siege of Paris has now begun, with tractors blocking several access points to the capital. Armoured vehicles belonging to the gendarmerie have been deployed to Rungis wholesale market, which supplies a lot of Paris' food. An agricultural convoy set off towards Rungis market from Agen yesterday, but after passing through Limoges last night, the convoy was cut off this morning by a barrage of police on the A20 motorway in Haute Vienne.

Workers for the Paris region public transport system, the RATP are also threatening that a strike is looming. The union CGT has filed a strike notice set to last 7 months, from Monday until September, including the period of the Olympic Games. Unions are expressing their dissatisfaction with annual salary negotiations, and bonuses for the Olympic Games. RATP Head, Jean Castex says the duration of the strike planned is only intended to influence negotiations.

And finally, France's handball team have been told they have "no choice" but to "give us a great Olympic Games this summer" by no less than the President himself. The team were guests at the Elysée yesterday evening after their triumphant return from the European Handball Championships. This is the fourth time that France are European Champions.