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The number of spectators that will be admitted for the opening ceremony for the Olympic Games on July 26th has been massively reduced. Once pitted at a million, then 600,000, ultimately the Minister of the Interior, Gérald Darmanin has announced that for security reasons, only 326,000 people will be authorised to attend. Two thirds of the tickets will be given away for free by local authorities. Air traffic within 150 km of Paris will be suspended for the duration of the ceremony and airports in the Ile de France will be closed from 7pm until midnight.

Emmanuel Macron will be meeting with his predecessors Nicolas Sarkozy and François Hollande today at the Elysée to discuss the conflict in Ukraine. Yesterday, speaking from Prague, the President took responsibility for his previous comments on sending ground troops to the region. Tomorrow, Macron will be meeting with all party leaders.

The situation remains critical in Haiti after an influential gang member has threatened civil war if the current Prime Minister remains in power. The gang controls entire swaths of Haiti and a large part of the capital Port au Prince.

Charente Maritime has been placed on orange alert for flooding this morning. The town of Saintes has flooded for the third time in just a few months.

And finally to football and Paris Saint Germain are through to the quarterfinals of the Champion's League, winning 2-1 against Real Sociedad thanks to a double from Kylian Mbappé.