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Emmanuel Macron will be meeting with leading figures from the majority party over dinner this evening in order to discuss public finances. A report from the Court of Auditors has concluded that the country's budget is in a concerning or even serious state. Over the next few weeks, France's debt and deficit will be put to the scrutiny of various rating agencies, several of which will give their verdict in April.

Before that dinner gets underway, today Emmanuel Macron will preside over the military funeral honours ceremony in tribute to Philippe de Gaulle, who died last week at the age of 102. The ceremony will take place at Invalides. The President has said that he intends to honour an exemplary military and political career.

Only 6% of public service workers went on strike yesterday, despite the call to demand better salaries. 9% of teachers were on strike. The union CGT claims that approximately 100,000 people gathered at more than 130 demonstrations across France.

A man has died in the Mont Blanc area after falling several hundred meters. He was skiing and got caught in an avalanche.

And finally, to the Olympic Games and basketball. The French teams now know their opponents as the draw for the group stages took place yesterday. The men's team will be meeting Japan and Germany and another team which is yet to be determined while the women's team will meet Canada, Australia and Nigeria.