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Several prison officer unions are calling for industrial action and a “dead prison” day in the aftermath of yesterday’s attack on a prison van. Two officers were shot dead by gunmen as they were transporting a prisoner linked to drug gangland killings between prison and court. A minute of silence in memory of the officers has been planned for 11 a.m. this morning in prison establishments. The Minister of Justice, Éric Dupond-Moretti will be meeting with prison union representatives this afternoon.

The Paris public prosecutor has released more information about the officers who were killed. One was 54 years old and father to twins born in 2003, and the other was 34 years old and awaiting the birth of a child. Several hundred police officers and gendarmes have been mobilised to find the escaped prisoner and perpetrators of the attack, who remain at large.

The Assemblée Nationale has adopted the constitutional reform that will expand the electorate in New Caledonia, where the situation remains tense and more than 130 arrests have taken place. Emmanuel Macron has sent a letter sent to local elected officials in which he calls the violence “unworthy” and pleads for “calm”. A meeting between representatives of pro-independence and non-independence political forces in Paris is planned in the coming weeks.

And finally, the stars gathered for a gala football match yesterday in Bordeaux. Several Bordeaux legends such as Alain Giresse, Zinedine Zidane and Christophe Dugarry were among the line-up to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Parc Lescure, which has since been renamed the Chaban-Delmas stadium.