



The News

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A fragile calm has been restored in New Caledonia in the wake of recent rioting. During a meeting of the defence council yesterday, Emmanuel Macron said that “clear progress was being made in restoring order”. There are now no plans to extend the state of emergency. Australia and New Zealand will charter flights to evacuate dozens of nationals stranded in the archipelago.

In Iran, five days of mourning have been decreed as the funeral of President Raisi begins today. The Iranian president died in a helicopter crash on Sunday. A presidential election will be held on June 28th to appoint a new president.

Train running times in the Ile de France will be extremely disrupted today due to a railworkers’ strike. The industrial action comes the day before negotiations on the bonuses to be handed out for the Olympic Games.

A state tribute to Jean Claude Gaudin will be held at 5pm in Marseille city hall. The city’s former mayor, senator and president of the region died yesterday at 84 years old. This morning, the headline of newspaper *La Provence* reads, “He was Marseille”.

And finally, the Olympic flame will be gracing the red carpet today as the torch is making a pitstop at Cannes Film Festival for the screening of the documentary “Olympiques ! - La France a des Jeux”. Celebrity torchbearers today to mark the occasion include Tony Estanguet, Marie-José Pérec and the Paralympic athlete Arnaud Assoumani.