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Emmanuel Macron flew out to New Caledonia yesterday evening, in a bid to restore dialogue with elected officials and with separatists. The president will be arriving today, a week after rioting started as the Assemblée Nationale voted to extend the electorate for provincial elections to all those born in New Caledonia and resident for at least 10 years. Although there has already been a significant shift towards calm being restored, roadblocks mean that some parts of Greater Nouméa remain inaccessible. A cyberattack targeting the Caledonian internet operator OPT was foiled.

Yesterday before taking that flight, the president spoke to the families of the two prison officers killed in the prison van attack in the Eure on May 14th. Due to his visit to New Caledonia, Emmanuel Macron will not be able to attend the national tribute that will be paid to officers Arnaud Garcia and Fabrice Moello this afternoon in Caen. Instead, prime minister Gabriel Attal will preside over the ceremony. Both victims have been posthumously awarded the Légion d'honneur.

With less than three weeks to go until the European elections, France's far-right party, the Rassemblement National will no longer sit alongside the far-right German party AfD in the European Parliament. Jordan Bardella, who is heading the RN list in the elections, believes that AfD has crossed a line after over the weekend, the head of the party Maximilian Krah said in an interview that someone who had been a member of the SS was "not automatically a criminal".

And finally, with a look to Cannes, the cast with disabilities from the film "Un p'tit truc en plus" will be on the red carpet today. The feature film drew in more than three million admissions at the cinema. "The Count of Monte Cristo" will also be screened as part of out of competition. The new adaptation of the novel by Alexandre Dumas stars Pierre Niney.