



## The News

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The Rassemblement National has taken the lead in the first round of the legislative elections with approximately 33% of votes. The leftwing alliance, the Nouveau Front Populaire took approximately 28% of the vote and the situation has officially backfired for the presidential majority. Jordan Bardella's party is now forecast to obtain between 240 and 290 seats, not quite securing an overall majority in the Assemblée Nationale.

More than 67% of French people turned out to vote yesterday, a participation rate that was at its highest in 27 years. The turnout was comparable to the 1997 elections after Jacques Chirac dissolved the Assemblée Nationale.

Thousands of people took to the streets in Paris yesterday to protest against the result and the far right. Crowds gathered in the early evening at the Place de la République. Some store windows were broken and trash cans overturned.

The Haute Marne remains on amber weather alert for flooding today as heavy rain over the last several hours has had a significant effect on several rivers including the Marne.

And with a quick look to the Euros, Spain are through to the quarterfinals after knocking out Georgia last night 4-1. Spain will meet Germany in their quarterfinal match. England are also through to the quarterfinals after winning 2-1 against Slovakia during extra time. England are now up against Switzerland in the quarterfinals.