



The News

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It's been group photos a-go-go today at the Assemblée Nationale, with the Ecologists and France Insoumise taking their turn on the famous steps this morning, followed by the socialist party, who now boast 65 representatives. The PS are now almost double in number from before the Assemblée Nationale was dissolved prior to the elections. Among the 65, François Hollande is making his comeback after stepping down in 2012. He was first elected as the representative for Corrèze in 1988.

The socialist party is currently pushing for leader Olivier Faure to take up the role of prime minister. Faure himself has said that he is "ready" to take on the role. The leftwing coalition that ended up coming in first in Sunday's second round has to put a name forward to the prime minister's office at Matignon within the next few days.

The Renaissance party representatives have met with secretary general this afternoon. All representatives from Macron's presidential party and the candidates who suffered defeat on Sunday will be meeting with Gabriel Attal this evening, who for now, remains as prime minister.

Carla Bruni has been summoned before an examining magistrate as part of the case on the Libyan financing of former president Sarkozy's election campaign. Nicolas Sarkozy's wife is suspected of playing an intermediary role between the different people involved in this case, that led to business man Ziad Takieddine withdrawing his accusations. Carla Bruni could face charges or be placed under the status of assisted witness.

And finally to football and tonight sees France take on Spain in the Euros semi-final. Nearly 8,000 French fans have flocked to Munich stadium, with star players Dembélé, Mbappé, Kolo Muani and Antoine Griezman expected in the line-up tonight. Kick-off is at 9pm.