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Emmanuel Macron has broken his silence after Sunday's election results. The president penned a letter in the country's regional press today. In it, he said that the blocs that emerged from Sunday's vote were all minorities and that no political force has a sufficient majority to govern. Macron called on parties with republican values to build a solid, necessarily plural, majority. He stressed that he wanted party leaders to demonstrate sense, harmony and calm and that it was on the basis of those principles that he would appoint a prime minister.

As the president's letter was published, parliamentary groups are forming and heads of parties are emerging. While the Nouveau Front Populaire are yet to put forward a name for prime minister, the socialist group have picked Boris Vallaud as leader. Marine Le Pen has been confirmed as party leader for the RN and Laurent Wauquiez has been selected as head of Les Républicains, who have now rebranded as "La Droite Republicaine".

The Israeli army has dropped leaflets in Gaza City informing all who are there that they have to get out and warning of intense fighting. In the leaflet drop, residents have been told to evacuate using two safe routes to the south and that Gaza City will remain a "dangerous combat zone".

In the UK, a manhunt is underway for the suspected killer of three women in a crossbow attack. A woman in her 60s and her two daughters were killed in the attack on their home in Hertfordshire yesterday evening. The victims have been confirmed as the wife and daughters of a BBC horse racing commentator.

And finally, back to France where the annual celebration the fêtes de Bayonne get underway today. The fêtes come a little early this year due to preparations for the Olympic Games. The opening ceremony took place earlier today with the traditional throwing of the keys to the city from the balcony of the town hall. More than a million people are expected to attend until the event winds down on Sunday.