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Emmanuel Macron's letter to the French has not gone down well with the left. After the president's claims that there was no winner of Sunday's second round and his call to build a solid majority around republican forces, representatives from the Nouveau Front Populaire alliance are claiming that he is denying the reality of the result and are accusing him of a coup. The railway workers of the CGT union are calling for demonstrations on July 18th in front of the Assemblée Nationale and for the country's Prefectures to demand an NFP government from Emmanuel Macron.

The fire at Rouen cathedral has been contained but not yet completely extinguished. The fire broke out in the cathedral spire during renovation works to the top of the building. Local authorities are urging residents to avoid the area.

A square in Paris close by the Bataclan café will be changing its name in tribute to Dominique Bernard. The Paris council voted unanimously to rename the Square Jules-Ferry in memory of the teacher who was murdered in a terrorist attack in October 2023. The inauguration of Square Dominique Bernard is due to take place in October to mark the year anniversary of his death.

In the Tour de France, 11 bikes and other pieces of equipment were stolen last night from the TotalEnergies team, after stage 11 of the tour in Lioran. Damages from the overnight theft are estimated at €150,000. Riders from the Vendée team were still able to compete in stage 12 today thanks to reserve bikes.

And finally to rugby, the schedule has been released for the next Top 14 season, Vannes will play at home to Stade Toulousain for the first day.