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Emmanuel Macron has now officially accepted the resignation of Gabriel Attal and his government. For now, the prime minister will continue to handle current affairs until a new government is appointed. A comment from the Elysée stresses the importance of republican forces working together to build unity around projects and actions for the French people.

In the meantime, the Nouveau Front Populaire has agreed on a single candidacy to chair the Assemblée Nationale. The first secretary of the socialist party, Olivier Faure, has said that he does not want to disclose the name yet as this will be announced to the heads of the various groups in the Assemblée.

It's good news if you are planning to fly tomorrow as unions have lifted their strike notices in Paris airports after an agreement was reached with the executives. Unions had been demanding a bonus for all airport staff due to work throughout the Olympic Games.

100 people are due to lose their jobs as the manufacturer of supermarket trolleys, Caddie, is going into court-ordered liquidation. The decision came from the court in Saverne today as no viable recovery plan had been put forward for the company.

The Préfecture in Vienne has banned demonstrations against water reservoirs, fearing further outbreaks of violence. Thousands of demonstrators are expected this weekend at the so-called "village de l'eau" in the neighbouring department of Deux-Sèvres, after a call was put out by the activist movement Earth Uprisings.

And finally, to cycling, Jasper Philipsen has won stage 16 of the Tour de France, the third sprint that the Belgian rider has won since the start of the race. The yellow jersey is staying put on the shoulders of Slovenian rider Tadej Pogacar, who now has more than a three minute lead on Danish rider Jonas Vingegaard.