



The News

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Tonight, Paris will play host to the largest sporting event in the world as the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games gets underway from 7:30 p.m. And, in a world first, the ceremony will be taking place outside of a stadium, with 85 boats with the athletes onboard due to sail from the Pont d'Austerlitz to Trocadero. 300,000 spectators will be lining the banks of the Seine to witness the event. Before that, the torch relay will begin at 9:30 a.m. this morning in Seine-Saint-Denis, before passing through the Olympic Village and the Stade de France to finally arrive at the Opening Ceremony.

Some Olympic events have already been underway, including the rugby sevens. Despite a shaky start in the group stages, France have found their groove and have made it to the semi-finals after a 26-14 win against Argentina last night. Tomorrow's semi-final against South Africa will get underway at 3:30 p.m.

In football, the French women's team narrowly won against Colombia yesterday 3-2. They play again at 9:00p.m. on Sunday night against Canada.

In other news, the Ecologistes party filed an appeal to the State Council yesterday, claiming that the roles of minister and member of the lower house were not compatible. This comes after 17 ministers resigned from the Attal government but retained their voting rights in the Assemblée Nationale and could continue to issue decrees.

And finally, another busy weekend on the roads lies ahead. Traffic website Bison Futé predicts black levels of traffic in the Ile de France and extremely busy roads across the country tomorrow.