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In the Olympics, the French delegation has now won a total of fifty four medals. Yesterday's events saw French athletes top up the medal tally, with Lauriane Nolot taking silver in kitefoil sailing and Billal Bennama also taking silver in boxing in the under 51 kilos category. And who can forget that Benjamin Thomas took gold last night in track cycling despite a fall.

France is also now guaranteed a medal in men's basketball. Les Bleus will face the United States in tomorrow's final after beating world champions Germany last night, 73-69. France's women's handball players are also through to the final tomorrow against Norway. After winning 31-28 in extra time against Sweden.

At the moment, the men's open water swimming is underway, ten kilometers of marathon swimming in the Seine with the French swimmers Marc-Antoine Olivier and Logan Fontaine. Today also sees the start of the breakdance events. Sya Dembélé will try to win a gold medal from 4 p.m. And in football's final, Thierry Henry's French team will face Spain at 6 p.m.

Last night, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky made the statement that Russia must "feel" the consequences of the war "and what it has done", as Russia says at least 1,000 Ukrainian troops, supported by tanks and armoured vehicles, entered its territory on Tuesday morning, in what appears to be one of the largest assaults on Russian soil since the war began.

In Japan, there are fears of a megaquake today after yesterday's 7.1 magnitude earthquake. It is the first time since the devastating earthquake of 2011 that such a warning has been issued.

And finally, this weekend is the Nuits des Etoiles event all over France, with more than 575 separate events organised to try and spot dozens of shooting stars every hour, so keep your eyes to the skies.