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Could the suspense about the future prime minister of the country be coming to an end this evening? With Xavier Bertrand and Bernard Cazeneuve still the favourites to nab the top spot as head of the government, which could be announced in the next few hours. The news of the prime minister would come 50 days after the government under Attal stepped down. Now, environmentalist representative to the Assemblée Nationale, Benjamin Lucas has raised concerns and is calling for the creation of an inquiry commission to establish whether the public authorities have properly handled the political situation since the legislative elections took place.

Jean-Christophe Cambadélis has been sentenced to 8 months in prison for the embezzlement of parliamentary expenses. The former head of the Socialist Party was found guilty of putting more than 100,000 euros in parliamentary expenses to personal use. He has also been banned from office for five years.

The French rugby players Hugo Auradou and Oscar Jegou are expected to return to the country today, as they remain charged for aggravated rape in Argentina, an offence alleged to have taken place while they were on tour there with the national team. The alleged victim is a 39-year-old woman. Both players continue to insist they are innocent.

And finally, to the Paralympics and team France won 11 medals today in the road para-cycling time trials. And the day is not over yet – France is in with a chance of winning further medals, including in para-weightlifting.