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The funeral of Philippine will be taking place at 1pm this afternoon in Saint-Louis' cathedral in Versailles. The 19-year-old student was found dead on Saturday in the Bois de Boulogne just outside Paris. Speaking from Canada last night, Emmanuel Macron denounced a "heinous and atrocious crime". The suspect, a 22-year-old Moroccan national who has already been convicted of rape, had been issued an official order to leave France. He was arrested on Tuesday evening in Switzerland.

The mayor of Saint-Brieuc was violently attacked yesterday morning. A man entered the town hall with a knife and attacked the mayor, making an attempt on his life. The mayor received several blows to the head and face with the handle of the weapon. The assailant showed signs of serious psychiatric problems and was taken to hospital after his arrest.

Classes will be resuming this morning at the Collège Mallarmé in Marseille. Teachers at the school in the northern suburbs of Marseille, which is located close by a drug-dealing spot, exercised their right to withdraw from giving any classes this week, after 82 lead fragments were found on the front of the school. Police patrols are on site.

Emmanuel Macron continues to deplore the ongoing Israeli airstrikes over Lebanon. Speaking from Montreal last night, the president said that France opposed Lebanon "becoming another Gaza". Israel is continuing its offensive against Hezbollah and has refused the proposal of a 21-day ceasefire.

And finally, it's just another sign that it is so long to the Olympic summer – the iconic rings that are the symbol of the Games were removed from the Eiffel tower last night. The rings had been installed 112 days ago. And yet, Paris mayor Anne Hidalgo is not giving up on the rings becoming a permanent feature to commemorate the 2024 Games. A lighter version of the rings is currently in design to replace the ones from the summer.