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Michel Barnier's tax hikes will only apply to the country's very wealthiest individuals and corporations and only for a short time. The prime minister was a guest on channel France 2's show "L'évènement" last night. He explained that taxes will only be going up for 300 companies with sales of over 1 billion euros for the next one or two years. The short-term measure should enable the government to recover 2 billion euros. The draft budget for 2025 will be presented next Thursday.

Today, the prime minister will be meeting with farmers at the Sommet de l'élevage in Cournon-d'Auvergne. Michel Barnier will be accompanied by the minister for agriculture, Annie Genevard, who arrived yesterday. A meeting is planned with farmers whose herds have been affected by various diseases.

These diseases include bluetongue, with over 190 outbreaks confirmed over the last month in France. Annie Genevard has decided to offer free vaccination against the disease to all livestock farmers.

Corsica is currently paralysed by a strike that has been blocking all ports and airports on the island since yesterday. The Corsican workers' union protesting the introduction of a system that by the end of the year would enable the island's Chamber of Commerce to manage all airports and ports there.

The leaders of the G7 countries have shared their "deep concern" at the situation in the Middle East. In a statement, they also "condemn in the strongest terms Iran's direct military attack against Israel" that took place on Tuesday.

And finally to football, last night saw the second win in two games for Lyon in the Europa League, OL beat the Glasgow Rangers 4-1. Meanwhile it was the same result but a loss for OGC Nice, who were beaten 4-1 by Lazio in Rome.