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Today marks a year since the Hamas terrorist attack in Israel that killed 1,200 people and resulted in more than 250 hostages. Early this morning, a minute's silence was held at the site of the massacre that took place at the Nova music festival. As the day continues, more ceremonies in remembrance will be held both in Israel and across the world. In France, Emmanuel Macron is due to receive the families of hostages and Hamas victims today. Jean-Noël Barrot, the French minister for foreign affairs, is in Israel to meet the French-Israeli families of victims.

A year on from the attacks, the conflict continues. The Israeli air force carried out several air raids on Beirut yesterday. In response, Hezbollah claims to have targeted an Israeli military base near Haifa in the north of the country. During a phone call with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday, Emmanuel Macron once again stressed that "the time for a ceasefire has come".

The trial opens today concerning the tragic accident that took place in Millas nearly seven years ago. In late 2017, six children were killed when their school bus hit a TER train at a level crossing. The bus driver was handed a five-year sentence, that included serving a year in prison.

A minute's silence will be held in collèges and lycées across the country next Monday to remember the murdered teachers, Samuel Paty and Dominique Bernard. Both teachers were killed in two separate jihadist attacks. The new minister for education, Anne Genetet has also said that, if they wish, teachers can "organize a time of exchange and reflection with their students".

And finally, three départements are on orange weather alert for rain and flooding today: Gard, Lozère and Ardèche. Heavy rain is expected this evening.