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Hurricane Kirk is currently giving the country a battering, with 34 départements still on orange weather alert for strong winds, rain and flooding. Northern and eastern France are the worst affected. In the south-west, only Pyrénées-Atlantiques and Hautes-Pyrénées are on orange alert, where residents are bracing for the equivalent of three weeks' or even a month's worth of rain expected over the course of 24 hours.

Bruno Retailleau has sent the riot police or CRS in to Cavillon after four police cars were torched in front of the town police station early this morning. The arson is allegedly linked to drug trafficking. The minister of the interior has responded by saying that this is just another example of the drift facing the country.

The bureau of the Assemblée Nationale has reported Aurore Bergé. The former minister for solidarity and families is accused of perjury, for supposedly lying to an inquiry commission about having personal ties to a lobbyist for private crèches. Ms Bergé's connection to these private creches were reported in a book by journalist Victor Castanet.

Gabriel Attal has criticised the draft 2025 budget, with the former prime minister claiming that there are too few reforms on the way and too many tax increases. He says that tax hikes for businesses could result in more unemployment.

Jean Castex has been reappointed as head of the Paris transport network, the RATP. The former prime minister garnered the most votes from members of the Sustainable Development Committee in the Assemblée Nationale. Jean Castex will head up the RATP for another five years.

And finally, to football and Aurelien Tchouaméni will be donning the captain's armband for France's Nations League match tomorrow against Israel. The Real Madrid player will be stepping up to the role in the absence of Les Bleus' usual captain, Kylian Mbappé.