



## The News

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Although weather conditions across the country are improving as the evening gets underway, five départements remain under orange alert for flooding: Puy-de-Dôme, Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Landes, Gard and Bouches-du-Rhône.

The minister for the ecological transition, Agnès Pannier-Runacher has announced that a state of natural disaster would be confirmed very soon. The minister was visiting the Loire this afternoon. Ms Pannier-Runacher warned that flooding incidents in France would become more recurrent due to climate disruption.

In the meantime, Michel Barnier's visit to the southeast this afternoon focused on immigration. The prime minister went to Menton and Ventimiglia with minister of the interior, Bruno Retailleau in order to discuss how to tackle illegal immigration at the French-Italian border. Michel Barnier said he welcomed the European Commission intending to make controlling immigration "a priority".

A motorist who killed a cyclist in Paris has been charged with murder. An altercation broke out between the driver of an SUV and the 27-year-old cyclist on Tuesday. The driver then got back behind the wheel and deliberately ran into the bike. Gatherings in memory of the victim will be taking place tomorrow in several cities, including Bordeaux and Dijon.

To sports now, and everyone's favourite swimmer from this summer's Olympics, Léon Marchand, won the men's 100m medley at the World Aquatics Swimming World Cup in Shanghai today. This was Léon's first major event since winning four Olympic golds.

And finally, to football and tonight is the start of day 8 of the Ligue 1. League leaders Monaco play at home to Lille who are currently number five. That kick-off is at 8.45pm.