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“Doliprane will continue to be produced in France”. These were the words from minister of the economy Antoine Armand, as the ministry of finance has made assurances of guarantees obtained by the French State as part of the sale of a subsidiary of French pharmaceutical giant Sanofi. OPELLA, which manufactures the household name painkiller, Doliprane will have a change in ownership it was confirmed by Sanofi this morning. The minister of the economy has said that an agreement has been reached that provides for sanctions in the event that terms regarding employment and production are not kept to.

A meeting with collectives of cyclists was held at the ministry of transport this afternoon, a week after a 27-year-old man was killed while on his bike in Paris. The cyclist in question was deliberately run into by the driver of an SUV. Minister for transport, François Durovray said that he wanted to listen to cyclists’ concerns and take appropriate action for their safety. Cycling associations are calling for measures to tackle what they call “violence on motorised wheels”.

Debate on the 2025 budget will get underway this evening in the Assemblée Nationale. On the left, France Insoumise has tabled a motion to reject the text before it can move forwards. The motion is bound to not succeed as on the very far right, the Rassemblement National has already made it clear that there is no support for the motion from the party.

Emmanuel Macron had a phone call with Benjamin Netanyahu today. Stressing the importance of a ceasefire in Gaza, Macron told the Israeli prime minister that the death of Hamas leader, Yahya Sinwar must herald “a new phase of negotiations” and denounced actions taken by the Israeli army against UN Lebanon peacekeepers. Israel announced the arrest this afternoon of 7 Israelis accused of spying for Iran.

And finally, to football and in Ligue 2, there is the final match of round 9 coming up this evening. Paris FC play away to Troyes in a bid to reclaim the top-spot; that match kicks off at 8.45pm.