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The Rassemblement National is launching a petition to protest the charges brought against party members as part of the case on fake MEP assistants. Five years in prison and five years of being deemed unfit for public office have been recommended for Marine Le Pen. The sentence could mean that the head of the RN would be unable to run for president in 2027. MEP for the RN, Marion Maréchal claims that it is “not up to judges to decide who can run in the presidential election”.

This evening’s football match between France and Israel will be taking place under high security. With the conflict in Gaza ongoing, 4,000 members of law enforcement will be mobilized for the match, with 2,500 police and gendarmes around the Stade de France and 1,500 in the streets of Paris and on public transport. Fewer than 20,000 spectators are expected this evening at the Stade de France for the Nations League match.

Senators are aiming to take action on cold calling, with a bill under discussion today that would see consumers consenting to these calls becoming a compulsory measure. In other words, if you don't sign up, you won't receive any calls. Everyone in France would be exempt from cold calls by default. According to a survey carried out by Que Choisir, nearly three out of four French people say they are bothered by cold calls to their mobile at least once a week.

And finally, Abdelatif Benazzi will not be the next president of World Rugby. The former French international was defeated by Australian Brett Robinson by just two votes. Brett Robinson will be the first president from the southern hemisphere and will serve a four-year term at the helm of the International Rugby Federation.