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As 24 départements across the country remain on orange weather alert for snow and ice today, yesterday evening saw thirty people injured, five of them seriously, in a road accident on black ice on the A6B motorway in the Val de Marne. A bus overturned near Chevilly-Larue and four cars and a two-wheel vehicle were also involved in the incident. Today, around 5,000 trucks are currently at a standstill on the A36, while this morning 200,000 homes, mainly in Normandy and the Pays de la Loire woke up to find the power had still not come back on.

With COP29 drawing to a close, these are the final days for negotiations to reach an agreement on climate financing. Developing countries are calling on developed countries to provide at least \$500 billion a year to help them cope with the consequences of climate change. Meanwhile, the developed countries are negotiating between themselves to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions, but face resistance from oil-producing countries.

The social media network X, formerly known as Twitter, is seeing further organisations leave the platform. Greenpeace France has now decided to leave X, and the newspapers *Ouest France* and *Sud Ouest* are already gone. Their representatives have said that X, which is now headed by billionaire Elon Musk, plays host to a considerable amount of hateful content due to a lack of moderation. Greenpeace also raised the amount of climate-sceptic content.

The national agency for safe medicine, the Agence nationale de sécurité du médicament, is calling for an end to over-the-counter sales of medicines for the common cold and is urging consumers to take care. Although they are easy to purchase, the medicines in question can cause serious side-effects such as strokes and heart attacks.

And finally, the food drive initiative organised by the Fédération française des Banques alimentaires gets underway today across France. Volunteers are stationed in supermarkets nationwide until Sunday to collect food and hygiene products. Nearly two and a half million people receive help from the food bank charity every year, a number that has risen by 30% between 2019 and 2023.

