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Emmanuel Macron is at Notre-Dame today on his final visit to the site before the cathedral reopens on December 8th. The president has taken the opportunity to thank all of the people who have been involved in the restoration project after the fire in the cathedral in 2019. A total of 2,000 people, through 250 different companies, were involved in restoring Notre-Dame.

Agricultural unions have been meeting with Annie Genevard this morning, as the minister of agriculture attempts to address the anger and concerns of farmers, particularly regarding the free-trade agreement with Mercosur and farmer income. The union FNSEA is calling for further industrial action throughout France on December 9th and 10th.

The Rassemblement National is continuing to threaten the government with a vote of no confidence. Party head Marine Le Pen has said she has given Michel Barnier until Monday to meet her demands, including amendments to current proposals on pension reform and changes to how medicine costs are reimbursed. Marine Le Pen claims that the prime minister's latest proposals are not financed by structural savings.

Didier Migaud has said that he is in favour of creating a new offence, that of "road-based homicide" as soon as possible. The statement comes from the Minister of Justice after yesterday a motorist was convicted for killing the son of the well-known chef Yannick Alléno in 2022. The man was driving under the influence of alcohol and speeding when the accident happened. Yesterday, he was sentenced to seven years in prison.

And finally, the telethon gets underway today to raise money for research into genetic neuromuscular diseases. 250,000 volunteers across France are going to try and collect as many donations as possible over the weekend. Last year's telethon raised nearly 93 million euros.