



The News

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The leaders of the Parti Socialist are meeting with Emmanuel Macron at the Elysée today in order to address the political deadlock in the Assemblée Nationale. Last night, in his televised address to the nation, Emmanuel Macron stressed that he would not be resigning and would continue as president until the end of his mandate. He also promised to appoint a new prime minister within the next few days, as well as the passing of a special law before the end of December to ensure that public services can carry on without a finalised budget for next year.

Today, the socialist party has said that it is ready to negotiate with representatives aligned with Macron as well as from the Républicains party, as long as all of them are ready to compromise. Socialist first secretary Olivier Faure is insisting that the choice made by the French electorate in July must be respected, in that the leftwing alliance finished ahead of all other parties in the snap election.

One major opponent of today's meeting between the socialists and the president is Jean-Luc Mélenchon. The head of the leftwing party La France Insoumise took to X to write that his party had not given any mandate to Olivier Faure to attend the meeting alone, or to negotiate an agreement about the future government. The right is also not happy about the meeting at the Elysée. The outgoing minister of the interior, Bruno Retailleau has said that France's right will not be able to make any compromises with the left.

Italy has now joined France in rejecting the free-trade agreement with Mercosur. Italy has said that the conditions are not right to proceed with the agreement. The President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, is currently in Uruguay to try and finalise the controversial agreement that has sparked so much protest from French farmers. Emmanuel Macron has called the treaty "unacceptable as it stands".

And finally, to the Women's European Handball Championships, France won their first match in the main round last night against Romania. Les Bleues will now face Montenegro this evening at 6pm.