



## The News

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Emmanuel Macron is continuing to meet with representatives from political parties from across the board. Only the parties France Insoumise and the Rassemblement National will not be present this afternoon. The president is not expected to announce the country's new prime minister today. The outgoing ministers will be meeting for a final conseil des ministres tomorrow, where the special law on the budget will be presented.

Emmanuel Macron spoke with German chancellor Olaf Scholz yesterday about the situation in Syria. The two heads of state say they are ready to "cooperate with the new Syrian leadership" after the fall of Bashar al-Assad. France is currently considering taking the same stance as Germany and suspending asylum cases arriving from Syria.

Nicotine pouches have been found to contain high levels of arsenic by a study conducted by the French National Consumer Institute. A few weeks ago, resigning Health Minister Geneviève Darrieussecq announced that these pouches would soon be banned.

Changes to cold medicines will be introduced as of tomorrow, when over-the-counter sales of Actifed, Dolirhume and Nurofen will be banned. A prescription will be required for the purchase of these eight cold medicines.

To football now and Matchday 6 of the Champions League gets underway tonight. Paris Saint Germain will be playing away to Salzburg at 9pm, while Brest plays at home to PSV Eindhoven.

And finally, to handball and the Women's European Championships, France may have already qualified for the semi-finals but Les Bleues still have their final main round match to play this evening against Hungary. That match starts at 6pm.