



## The News

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Emmanuel Macron has insisted that in terms of the future for Ukraine, Europeans must be at the negotiating table. In an interview with the Financial Times, the president warned against a peace deal that would “amount to capitulation”. Today, Ukrainian president Volodimir Zelensky is expected in Munich for a world conference on security. He is due to meet the new US administration for the first time just after the past few days have seen the relationship thaw between Washington and the Kremlin. Meanwhile, the fighting continues. Kiev has announced that the damaged reactor at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant has been hit by a Russian drone attack.

There is concern over Pope Francis' health as the pontiff has been admitted to hospital in Rome for bronchitis. The official announcement has come from the Vatican after a stand-in cleric was called in to read at the pope's usual weekly catechesis lesson on Wednesday. At the time, the 88-year-old said that he had a “nasty cold” that made it “difficult” for him to speak.

The perpetrator of Wednesday's grenade attack in a Grenoble bar is still actively sought by police. Minister of the interior, Bruno Retailleau will be at the scene of the incident today. An investigation has been opened into attempted murder by an organised group. The suspected motive of the attack is a settling of scores related to cigarette smuggling.

And finally, if you want to catch “Cowboy Carter” in the flesh then you are going to have to be quick off the mark – tickets for Beyonce's upcoming tour dates in Paris went on sale this morning. If you think life giving you lemons can only lead to the triple platinum album “Lemonade” then you should try to see Beyonce at the Stade de France on June 19, 21 and 22.