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Emmanuel Macron is currently sitting down to a working lunch with Donald Trump, as the French president said that he was “here as a friend” upon his arrival to the White House. The French and US presidents are focusing on the situation in Ukraine, with Washington reporting that an agreement on rare minerals in the country is close to being reached and that European countries will be participating. Meanwhile, Emmanuel Macron has stressed that Ukraine “must be involved” in talks to end the war.

25 people have been arrested in France and four others abroad following the arrest of Mohamed Amra in Romania over the weekend. Amra had been at large since escaping from a prison van, in an attack in which two prison officers were killed and three others injured in May 2024. Today, the public prosecutor said that between 100 and 150 investigators had been involved in bringing Amra to justice, and that it had taken a “determined criminal organisation” that used fake licence plates and heavy weapons to help him escape last year. Emmanuel Macron called Amra’s arrest “a formidable success”.

Zizou Youssef has been sentenced to 18 months in prison. The Algerian influencer was convicted today for “incitement to commit an act of terrorism”. The youtuber has been banned from France for ten years.

And finally, EuroBasket and France will be playing at 21:10 this evening, against Bosnia-Herzegovina. There is nothing at stake with tonight’s match as the French team has already qualified for the next stage of the competition.