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An interministerial committee on immigration is being held this afternoon as prime minister François Bayrou has said that he wanted certain ministers to convene in order to discuss ways for the government to get a handle on controlling migratory flows. Meanwhile, Algeria has accused France of "fresh provocation" after the announcement of measures that will restrict access to France for certain of Algeria's dignitaries.

The general counsel of the special prosecutor's office for terrorism has recommended life imprisonment for Brahim Aouissaoui. The Tunisian national is accused of the murder of three people in a knife attack in the basilica of Nice in October 2020. The prosecution has accused Aouissaoui of being locked into totalitarian and barbaric fanaticism. The verdict is expected later today.

Mohamed Amra is now under heavy guard at the prison in Condé-sur-Sarthe. The convicted drug trafficker who was arrested in Romania over the weekend has been placed in solitary confinement. The minister of justice Gérald Darmanin has stressed that the 30-year-old will be under 24-hour surveillance. Otherwise known as "La Mouche", or "The Fly", Amra will be permitted an hour-long walk every day, with no contact with any other inmates.

The Ile de la Réunion has been put on red alert for cyclones ahead of tropical storm Garance hitting the island. Windspeeds of over 150 km/h have been forecast as island residents have been advised to protect their belongings and check their shelters.

Further talks between Russian and United States diplomats are to take place tomorrow in Istanbul. The announcement came from Russian foreign minister Sergei Lavrov. Initial talks on the situation in Ukraine were held last week in Saudi Arabia.

And finally to football, the last of the quarter finals of the Coupe de France are coming up this evening as Brest play Dunkerque at 7pm and then at 9pm, the fourth-tier club Stade Briochin will take on Paris Saint Germain.