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All train services operating through the Gare du Nord in Paris are currently suspended due to the discovery last night of a bomb from the Second World War on the train tracks in Saint Denis. Transport minister Philippe Tabarot says that he hopes that some train services can resume by 4pm. The bomb disposal operation currently underway has also blocked traffic on part of the périphérique ring road surrounding the capital, between Porte d'Aubervilliers and Porte de Clignancourt. Traffic has also been stopped on the A1 motorway, from Porte de la Chapelle to the A86 slip road.

The Paris transport network RATP has said that its revenue is up by 10% after publishing its results for 2024. Revenue was boosted by the Olympic Games and extensions that were made to several metro lines. The RATP did still report losses of around 25 million euros.

200 million euros has been raised for the Ile de la Réunion after the island was hit by cyclone Garance last week. The minister for Overseas France, Manuel Valls, confirmed the amount while on a visit to the island. The money will go towards restoring public facilities, so that local services, particularly schools, can start running again.

Tomorrow is International Women's Day and today, the womens' association, the Fédération nationale Solidarité femmes has announced that the hotline for women victims of violence, 3919, handled a record 100,000 calls last year. 3919 is a free hotline available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

And finally, today sees the start of the food drive for the Restos du cœur. Throughout the weekend, nearly 90,000 volunteers will be stationed in 7,500 supermarkets across the country in order to collect donations from shoppers of food and hygiene products. Every year sees the charity collect around 12% of its annual donations in the space of these three days. Last year, the equivalent of over 9 million meals were collected.