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François Bayrou will face questions on the Betharram affair at the request of the inquiry commission into violence in schools. The prime minister will be interviewed on his roles as former minister of education and president of the council of the département of Pyrénées-Atlantiques. François Bayrou continues to claim that he knew nothing about the sexual and physical violence that took place at the Notre Dame de Betharram school in southwest France over the course of thirty years.

France's support for Ukraine is the topic under discussion at the Assemblée Nationale this afternoon, with a resolution on the table that will be put to vote this evening. Key measures include the seizure of frozen Russian assets as well as Ukraine's accession to the EU and potentially sending in French troops to Ukraine should a peace agreement be reached.

Russia believes that a meeting between Vladimir Putin and Donald Trump could take place very soon. After talks in Saudi Arabia yesterday, Ukraine accepted the proposal of a 30-day truce. The US will now likely present the truce to Russia, while in the meantime fighting in Ukraine continues. Four people were killed this morning in a factory in the Kursk region.

Cyclone Garance hitting the ile de la Réunion has been declared a natural disaster in the island's 24 municipalities. With the disaster made official, now insurance companies can start to reimburse the damage caused.

And finally to football and the second leg of the Champions League Round of 16 tonight. Lille will play at home to Borussia Dortmund. After a 1-1 draw in the first leg in Germany, a place in the quarter-finals would be a first for the club from the north. This evening's other matches are Atletico Madrid against Real Madrid, Arsenal against PSV Eindhoven and Aston Villa against Club Brugge.