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François Bayrou has responded to the verdict concerning Marine Le Pen with “Judicial decisions must be supported and magistrates protected”. The prime minister was speaking at the Assemblée Nationale earlier today during government question time. The former head of the right-wing party, Rassemblement Nationale was told yesterday that she cannot run in the 2027 presidential election. Marine Le Pen, along with 23 others, was convicted of the misuse of public funds. Today, the party said that it is organising a meeting on Sunday in Paris in support of Marine Le Pen.

The trial of a nursery worker at the Court of Assises in Lyon got underway this morning. The individual in question is accused of making a baby drink Destop drain unblocker in June 2022 at a People and Baby crèche. The nursery worker has acknowledged the incident but claims that she did not “deliberately cause the death” of the infant. The verdict is expected on Thursday.

The controversial bill known as the Garot law has been under discussion since earlier this afternoon at the Assemblée Nationale. The bill has been widely panned by the medical sector due to potential measures that include regulating where doctors take up jobs across the country in a bid to avoid areas where access to doctors is depleted. The majority of unions for the medical sector have dismissed the bill as being “simplistic and demagogic”.

The public health insurance Assurance Maladie has published figures today for the free-to-access mental health support scheme, Mon Soutien Psy. 587,000 people have benefited from the scheme since its launch in 2022. Mon Soutien Psy provides access to 12 free sessions with an approved psychologist.

And finally, to football and the semi-finals of the Coupe de France get underway this evening, with Dunkerque against PSG. Dunkerque are currently fifth in the Ligue 2, look set to join the Ligue 1 and are vying to play in their first ever cup final. Defending champions Paris Saint Germain are all that stand in their way, with the match in Lille kicking off at 9.10pm.