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Emmanuel Macron has branded the new import taxes that have been introduced by the Trump administration a “shock” to the world economy, calling the decision to introduce sweeping tariffs “brutal” and “unfounded”. The president will be meeting representatives from business sectors hit by the new taxes at the Élysée on Thursday. Meanwhile, the minister for foreign affairs, Jean Noel Barrot, is calling on Europe to “stand united” and has said that the EU will be responding to the new US tariffs on import goods.

Hungary’s decision to pull out of the International Criminal Court has been hailed by Benjamin Netanyahu as a “bold and principled” decision. The comment from the Israeli prime minister comes on the first day of a four-day state visit to Budapest. Benjamin Netanyahu has been the subject of an ICC arrest warrant since November for war crimes in Gaza. Today, he called the ICC a “corrupt organisation”. The ICC has responded to the decision with a reminder that as long as Hungary is a full member, that it should “fulfil all its obligations to the court”.

The Paris public prosecutor has assured that the five perpetrators who have been identified as issuing threats to the judges involved in Marine Le Pen’s conviction earlier this week will be prosecuted and will face serious punishment. The justice system has been under fire from the far right this week after the decision came on Monday that Marine Le Pen will be barred from running for president in the 2027 elections further to the embezzlement case involving the Rassemblement National party. The decision on the outcome of the appeal of Monday’s judgment is expected before summer 2026.

Hundreds of jobs are at risk as part of the Intermarché group as stores that it took over from competitor Casino are struggling financially. 30 of these stores are due to close and 680 jobs stand to be lost.

And finally, with the school holidays getting underway tomorrow in the north east of France, the traffic website Bison Futé has forecast orange levels of traffic on Friday in Grand Est and Bourgogne Franche Comté.