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A man who was recovered from underneath the snow in Val Thorens yesterday after an avalanche at the resort has died in hospital. He had been in cardiorespiratory arrest at the time of his rescue. Heavy snowfall in the Savoie has resulted in four avalanches over the past few days in Val Thorens and in Les Menuires. The département has been put on amber alert for further avalanches and the local prefecture has urged anyone skiing in the area to exercise extreme caution.

Four people have been taken into police custody in Rennes in connection with a shooting that took place last night. The attack is believed to be the latest in an ongoing conflict linked to drug trafficking. Last night four people sustained injuries although their condition is not life threatening. The suspects in custody are all between 20 and 23 years old and are all known to police. An investigation has been opened for “attempted murder by an organised group”.

Unions met with the minister of the economy earlier today to discuss the introduction of sweeping tariffs by the United States and their potential impact on jobs in France. The “Liberation Day” policy from Donald Trump could see tariffs of up to 25% on a range of EU imports. The introduction of the EU tariffs has now been put on hold for 90 days by the Trump administration. Today, Sophie Binet, General Secretary of the union CGT said that a crisis unit to deal specifically with the issue of US tariffs will be set up very shortly.

Members of the Assemblée Nationale are facing having their summer break cut short this year. The usual last day of work for members of parliament is June 30th but this year could see them working into July. The president of the lower house, Yael Braun Pivet has called for an extraordinary session in order to address the significant number of potential bills that elected officials still need to look at before parliament adjourns for the summer. The matters at hand include agriculture and end of life.

And finally, is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's a flying taxi. This may well be what residents of New York with their eyes to the skies will be saying soon. The startup Archer Aviation has unveiled plans to partner with United Airlines and propose an air-taxi network offering trips between Manhattan and nearby airports using electric vertical takeoff and landing aircraft. The scheme could see the commute time slashed from between one hour and an hour and a half to a matter of minutes.