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22 arrests were made in different regions of the country this morning as part of an investigation into a recent spate of attacks on prisons nationwide. The National Anti-Terrorist Prosecutor's Office which is handling the case has also indicated that a number of police searches have taken place. The attacks in question have been occurring since mid-April and have targeted prisons, as well as the vehicles and homes of prison officers.

Police in Italy have arrested a man who turned himself in to a police station in Florence late last night for the murder of a Muslim worshipper in a mosque in the Gard region. The suspect had fled to Italy after murdering the victim, Aboubakar Cissé, in the mosque in La Grande Colombe. A video that the suspect had taken on his phone of the attack and the victim writhing in agony was later circulated online. Today, the Ministry of the Interior confirmed that the arrest had taken place of a man born in 2004 who had previously been unknown to police. The public prosecutor for Ales said that anti-Muslim motivation was the "preferred lead".

Ten people are on trial at the Cour d'Assises in Paris today and for the next three weeks for their role in stealing jewellery worth tens of millions of euros from reality star Kim Kardashian. The men, who are mainly in their 60s and 70s have been dubbed the "grandpa robbers" after they dressed as police officers and stole the jewellery from Kardashian in her hotel room in Paris in October 2016. The jewellery was worth nine million euros, making the heist one of the biggest robberies from an individual that the country has seen in 20 years.

The conclave to choose the next Pope will begin on May 7th, the Vatican has confirmed. 135 cardinals from across the world will be invited to take part in the secret vote to determine who will be the next head of the Catholic church. The Vatican closed the Sistine Chapel today to begin preparations as that is where the voting will take place.

And finally, tonight the stage is set for the 36th edition of the Molières awards for theatre. The ceremony at the Folies Bergères in Paris will see 19 awards handed out.