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After the power cut that impacted some 160,000 homes this weekend on the Côte d'Azur with the Cannes Film Festival still underway, Minister of the Interior, Bruno Retailleau has asked the country's Préfets to step up protection at power sites. Two anarchist groups have since issued a statement to claim responsibility for causing the power cut, the text itself has yet to be verified.

Farmers' unions, the FNSEA and the Young Farmers, say that they are still waiting on the government to "keep its promises" as they prepare for more protests today on the roads and outside the Assemblée Nationale in Paris. Today, a new bill affecting farming will be discussed in the lower house that could see a series of measures that farmers say will make their lives easier, including the re-introduction of certain banned insecticides. As for resistance to the bill, farmers are pointing to members of parliament for the Ecologist party and France Insoumise and accusing them of attempting to block it.

The appeal trial of the man who was convicted of the murder of a police officer and his partner gets underway today. Mohamed Lamine Aberouz has been serving a life sentence for the murders that he was handed after the first trial in 2023. Police officer Jean-Baptiste Salvaing and his partner, Jessica Schneider were murdered in their home in Magnanville on 13 June 2016.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs will be in Armenia today. Jean-Noël Barrot will hold talks in Yerevan with his counterpart from the Palestinian Authority with a view to restoring diplomatic prospects for a solution to the conflict in Gaza.

And finally to tennis, and it was an emotion-filled first evening at Roland Garros yesterday as the tournament paid tribute to its 14-time champion, Rafael Nadal. Today will see twelve French players take to the clay courts, including Arthur Fils against the Chilean Nicolas Jarry, and Arthur Rinderknech against world number one, Jannik Sinner.