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Unions of prison officers say that they are “outraged and scandalised” by the decision to remove Mohamed Amra from the high-security prison where he is being held in Condé-sur-Sarthe next week. The convicted drug trafficker will be taken to Paris for questioning by investigating judges. In May 2024, Mohamed Amra's escape from custody during an extraction from prison, cost the lives of two officers when the prison van was attacked in the Eure region. Now, the Minister for Justice, has assured that this time around, security conditions will be “off the scale”.

Gérald Darmanin is also currently calling for a new law to be passed as early as September to introduce minimum sentences, and even the abolition of suspended sentences, for “any assault on a police officer”. The Minister for Justice was the guest on channel TF1's 8pm news last night. He said he wanted to “adapt the penal code to the violence seen at the moment” after various incidents of clashes with police after Paris Saint Germain's Champions League win on Saturday.

In the Centre-Est, nine départements remain on amber weather alert today for thunderstorms and/or rain and flooding. The alert applies to Ardèche, Isère, Rhône and Savoie. The Loire département was hit by heavy hail yesterday, causing some damage.

Access in France to adult websites Pornhub, Youporn and Redtube will be blocked as of today. The owner of the Aylo Group which owns the sites refuses to have the website users show proof of age. From today, anyone trying to access those sites will only be able to see an image of Eugène Delacroix's painting “Liberty leading the people”.

And finally to tennis and how will Loïs Boisson fare today over at Roland-Garros? After her win against Pegula, the French player and world no. 36 faces world no. 6, Russia's Mirra Andreieva today. The tournament is now at the quarter-final stage. In the men's draw last night, defending champion Carlos Alcaraz won in three sets against Tommy Paul. He will meet Italian Lorenzo Musetti in the semi-finals.