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A minute's silence will be held in schools across the country today, two days after a teaching assistant was killed in Nogent-sur-Marne. Mélanie Grapinet was fatally stabbed by a 14-year-old pupil. The public prosecutor's office has requested that the teenage suspect be charged with murder, as well as the assault of a police officer at the time of his arrest. The public prosecutor has said that the suspect shows no signs of mental illness but displays a fascination with violence. At the request of the victim's family, a silent march in memory of Mélanie will be held tomorrow, setting off at the school in Nogent-sur-Marne.

Gérald Darmanin is calling for a "penal revolution". To prevent repeat offences, the Minister of Justice wants to introduce a minimum prison sentence for offenders of two to three weeks. Mr Darmanin says he wants the justice system to be tough from the outset, as well as harsher penalties for crimes against people. The Minister intends to present a bill to the President and the Prime Minister by the end of July.

The Zucman tax will be under discussion today in the Assemblée Nationale. The text, which has been spearheaded by economist Gabriel Zucman, proposes introducing a minimum tax of 2% on the total value of assets for tax households of more than €100 million. Mr Zucman says the tax would affect 1,800 taxpayers and bring in around €20 billion per year.

And finally, a return to glass bottle deposits is being trialed from today in four regions, the Pays de la Loire, Bretagne, Normandie, and Hauts-de-France. Consumers will pay a few cents extra on the price of the product, which is then refunded when the empty container is returned. The scheme intends to see each bottle have several lives and reduce waste. The trial is set to last 18 months and will involve up to 16 million people.