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The French defence council will be meeting at 4pm this afternoon at the Elysée palace as the military escalation continues between Tel Aviv and Tehran. The Iranian Revolutionary Guards claim to have fired hypersonic missiles at Israel last night. Meanwhile, Emmanuel Macron has warned that any attempt to change the regime in Iran through war would lead to chaos in the country.

The French President also said that Donald Trump's criticism of him as "publicity seeking" and "always getting it wrong" did not have any effect on him. Yesterday, the US President left the G7 meeting early. Macron suggested the US might help broker a ceasefire between Iran and Israel. However, Trump responded that the French President had no idea why he was on his way to Washington. Macron, who called the incident a "blip", insists that his US counterpart had called for a ceasefire at the G7 but changed his mind after returning to the United States.

Talks between unions and employers have been stalling in the so-called "pension conclave", particularly on the issue of the arduous nature of some jobs. Unions CFTD, CFE and CGC have announced that a last-ditch meeting will be held on Monday.

Citroën is calling for all C3 and DS3 models in Europe equipped with Takata airbags to be taken off the road. The defective airbag model has caused several deaths. 441,000 cars are affected in Europe, 82,000 of which are in France.

And finally, to football and the French Under-21s team is through to the quarter-finals of the European Championship. Les Bleuets beat Poland 4-1 last night in their final group match. They will face Denmark on Sunday in a bid to reach the final four.