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The families of Cécile Kohler and Jacques Paris, the only French hostages detained in Iran, say they are "terrified" for the lives of their relatives after the Tehran prison where they are being held was hit by Israeli airstrikes today. The Ambassador of Iran in France has said that the release of the French couple in the coming days or even hours was a very strong wish of his. The interview earlier today with RTL came after Emmanuel Macron's telephone call with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian. That same day, the French President had tweeted that the couple being held was "inhumane" and "unjust". Teacher Cécile Kohler and her partner Jacques Paris were arrested by the Iranian authorities at the end of a trip to the country in May 2022. The only explanation ever given by Iran was that the couple were suspected of espionage. Today, the support committee for Kohler and Paris said that the last contact with Cécile Kohler had been on 30 May and that it "condemns the attacks on the prison, which endanger the lives of the detainees". The outbreak of war between Israel and Iran will be the subject of debate on Wednesday evening at the Assemblée Nationale.

Two people are in custody after a shooting at a wedding in the Vaucluse region this weekend. Two people were killed and two others seriously injured in the early hours of Sunday morning in the town of Goult. The victims who died were the bride and one of the members of the commando. Investigators are looking into whether the murders were linked to drugs and a potential settling of scores.

In schools, now that the written component of the final-year baccalaureate exams are over, the Grand Oral exams got underway today for the general and technological streams. Students are no longer required to present their future career plans at the end of the exam.

And finally, to football and Paris Saint Germain have the last of their group matches tonight in the FIFA Club World Cup. After one win and one defeat, the Parisians will face US club the Seattle Sounders tonight, with a kick-off at 9 p.m.