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The government has ordered that an extra 800,000 vehicles be taken off the roads in the wake of the Takata airbags scandal. The defective airbags have caused 18 deaths, 16 of these were outside of France. Now, a total of 1.7 million cars in France have been ordered off the roads, with makes including Citroën, Audi, BMW, Ford, Toyota, Volkswagen and Ferrari, until they can have their airbags replaced.

The bill that was dubbed the Gremillet energy bill, named after the senator that put it together, Daniel Gremillet, was rejected yesterday by the Assemblée Nationale. The bill had garnered support from the right, with parties Rassemblement Nationale and Les Républicains having reworked extensive parts of it. Ultimately the proposed moratorium on renewable energies and the fact that pausing the development of these energies would threaten between 80,000 and 100,000 jobs had the lower house say no.

Storms are expected to hit large parts of the country later today. Météo France will extend an amber alert to 47 départements from 4pm, with heavy rain and occasional hail also expected.

Three knives with rounded tips were found in the school locker belonging to an eight-year-old boy yesterday in Loir-et-Cher. The pupil had told a classmate that he wanted to "kill" his teacher. Given the boy's young age, no criminal proceedings can be brought against him, though his parents are due to be questioned later today.

And finally, with the sun out it's also the time to get on the hunt for bargains as the official summer sales start today and will run until 22nd July across France.