



## **The News**

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The Prime Minister will be speaking later this afternoon on what conclusions can be drawn from the pensions conclave. Talks collapsed between social partners after four months of negotiations. Today, François Bayrou will present what came out of the talks, after his claim that the discussions did come very close to reaching an agreement.

Meanwhile, the Prime Minister has had a motion of no confidence tabled against him by the Parti Socialiste. The PS has accused François Bayrou of refusing to put forward a bill on pensions that would allow for a return to a retirement age of 62. However, with right-wing party Rassemblement Nationale refusing to get behind the motion tabled today, it stands little to no chance of getting passed.

The Ministry of the Economy is calling for an extra €5 billion in public spending cuts after it was confirmed that during the first quarter of 2025, France's debt reached 114% of the country's GDP, a step-up since the previous quarter of a staggering €40 billion.

In the wake of the heavy storms that hit the entire country last night, this lunchtime 75,000 homes across France were still without electricity. With the damage caused by the storm rendering access difficult, it is taking longer than usual in certain areas to get the power back on.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has said that the US has gained nothing from the attacks perpetrated against his country during the 12-day war with Israel. In a televised speech earlier today, the supreme leader said that Iran had "dealt a severe slap to the face of America" and claimed victory over Israel.

And finally, to athletics, and this year's European Team Championships in Madrid will be getting underway as of tomorrow. Team France will be vying for a spot on the podium in all events, with the pole vault first on the agenda. The competition will continue until Sunday.