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There have been no flights out of Marseille Provence Airport since midday today due to an ongoing wildfire in Pennes-Mirabeau. So far, more than 30 hectares have gone up in smoke and a second fire has broken out in the 16th arrondissement of Marseille. Local residents are being urged to stay indoors.

Two years on from when their son went missing, the parents of little Émile issued an open letter today in which they deplore the media coverage of the crime and the suspicion that has been shed upon some family members. Two-and-a-half-year-old Émile went missing from the hamlet of Haut-Vernet in July 2023 and his body was found in spring 2024. The investigation is still ongoing.

Emmanuel and Brigitte Macron arrived in the UK today for the first state visit from a French President since 2008. They were greeted by Prince William and his wife Kate and will also be meeting with King Charles III and his wife Camilla. Emmanuel Macron will also deliver a speech later today to the UK parliament.

The European Union has announced that Bulgaria will be joining the eurozone on 1 January 2026, making it the 21st country to adopt the single currency. The Bulgarian Prime Minister called the news a 'historic moment'.

And finally, sad news for metal fans who were slow off the mark, all of the tickets for next year's Hell Fest festival have already been snapped up. Earlier today when tickets went online there were a record 220,000 connections to the website for only 55,000 4-day tickets.