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The Ministry of Transport is urging car manufacturers to provide 'mobility solutions' to motorists whose vehicles are fitted with dangerous Takata airbags or face fines. Vehicles with the airbags have been ordered off the road and the government now says that solutions have to be offered to people who have been without a vehicle for more than 15 days. More than one and a half million vehicles in France are concerned by the measure. The airbags are the cause of 18 motorist deaths in France, 16 of those in overseas territories.

Gérald Darmanin has announced today that he wants to bring "common sense" to the justice system as he presented his plans for reform before a court in Nanterre. These include 10 new articles of law. The Union Syndicale des Magistrats (Union of Magistrates) has said it would prefer "resources" to "yet another" round of reforms to the system.

The political party, the Rassemblement National, has made an initial transfer to the European Parliament of one and a half million euros as a first payment in damages owed for the fake parliamentary assistant scandal. The second payment, to complete the 3.5 million total owed, is due in October.

One of the lawyers representing Cédric Jubillar, who is accused of killing his wife, Delphine, in 2020, is stepping down from the case. Jean-Baptiste Alary told the newspaper *La Dépêche* that the decision was based on "medical grounds", stating that he was "on the verge of a breakdown".

France will be making an air drop of aid to the Gaza Strip in the coming days. The UN has now said that there are "alarming levels" of malnutrition in the area. The government says that the humanitarian aid will go towards meeting the "most basic needs" of people in Palestine.

And finally, cyclist Kevin Vauquelin has suffered an injury to his ankle just days after completing the Tour de France. It has not yet been confirmed when he will be able to return to training and competition.