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France has airdropped forty tons of humanitarian aid to Gaza today. Emmanuel Macron took to X in order to thank the countries of Jordan, the United Arab Emirates and Germany for their support during the operation. Meanwhile, the Minister for Foreign Affairs has stressed that the aid today is “insufficient” to address the “severe hunger” that people in the area are facing. Jean-Noël Barrot is insisting that there is “not a minute left to lose” and that Gaza should be flooded with aid in the form of “food, water and medicine”. Barrot has also pointed to the tons of aid currently unable to reach the people that need it and is urging the Israeli government to reopen all access routes to the area.

Meanwhile, all evacuation operations from Gaza to France have been suspended as an investigation into condoning terrorism has been opened against a student from Palestine who was due to study in France. The student in question only known as “Nour A.” was due to enroll at Sciences Po university in Lille and is accused of sharing anti-Semitic content online. Jean-Noël Barrot has said that the 25-year-old had “no place at Sciences Po, nor in France”.

In Corsica, 18 people remain in hospital today after an accident involving a tourist train yesterday in Ajaccio. Tests have revealed that the driver of the train was not under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The driver had been making a U-turn when the rearmost carriage overturned.

And finally, to swimming, and the World Aquatics Championships where Léon Marchand did not bag a medal today in the 4x200-metre freestyle relay. The French team finished sixth overall. Before that event, fellow French swimmer Yohann Ndoye-Brouard took bronze in the 200-metre backstroke.