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Emmanuel Macron has called for the war in Gaza to “end now” with an “immediate ceasefire”. Today, the President called the situation in Palestine a “disaster of unprecedented gravity” after Israel confirmed its intentions to control of the whole of Gaza. To secure the Gaza strip, Emmanuel Macron has proposed an “international stabilisation mission” under a UN mandate.

The heatwave currently sweeping southern France has been breaking temperature records as the week gets underway. For the very first time, the temperature in Bordeaux has hit 41 degrees while in Ariège it has reached 39.7 degrees. Twelve départements have been on red alert since midday today and most of those have experienced higher than 40 degrees as the afternoon has worn on. That weather alert will remain in place tomorrow and four further départements will also have the same alert issued: Ardèche, Drôme, Rhône and Isère.

Today has also seen the nuclear power plant in Gravelines shut down in highly fishy circumstances. Four units at the site have been offline since this morning due to the “mass and unpredictable” presence of a cluster of jellyfish in the in the water pumping stations used to cool the reactors.

Meanwhile, the Chancellor of Germany has announced that talks on Ukraine are planned for Wednesday, bringing together the United States, the European Union and Volodymyr Zelensky. The Ukrainian President has said that “Russia refuses to stop the killing” and is pushing for no concessions to be made. Russian President Vladimir Putin is due to meet with US President Donald Trump on Friday.

And finally, with the temperatures currently soaring now may seem the perfect time to take a refreshing dip, and yet Swiss swimmer Noam Yarone set off from Corsica’s Port of Calvi today with the aim of

achieving something really quite remarkable – he wants to swim 180 kilometres of the Mediterranean sea, break a world record as well as raise awareness about pollution in the Mediterranean and call on governments to take better care of the sea.