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Power is currently being transferred from François Bayrou to Sébastien Lecornu at the Prime Minister's cabinet at Matignon. The former Minister of the Armed Forces and loyal supporter of Emmanuel Macron, has been appointed by the President and given the task of attempting to establish a budget. Only after these discussions will Sébastien Lecornu form his government.

The choice of Prime Minister does not hold much appeal for the left. The party La France Insoumise is warning that it will table a motion of no confidence on the very first day of the parliamentary session in the Assemblée Nationale. For the first secretary of the Socialist Party, Olivier Faure, Sébastien Lecornu's appointment is one that makes no sense to the French public.

A choice that doesn't make sense and that has sparked widespread protest. Today is a day of strikes across the country under the rallying cry of "bloquons tout" (let's block everything). Nearly 200 arrests have been made since the start of the morning, according to Interior Minister Bruno Retailleau. There have also been around 50 attempts to break the blockades that have been set up on the country's main road systems and transport hubs.

The families of Israeli hostages will meet with Emmanuel Macron today, as France prepares to recognise a Palestinian state by the end of the month.

And finally, if you are planning on attending next year's World Cup then now is the time to act. Advance ticket sales open today for holders of the event's partner bank card. The actual sale will begin on 1 October, with prices ranging from around 50 euros to over 5,000 euros. The World Cup will be taking place from the 11th June onwards in the United States, Canada and Mexico.