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France is preparing to recognise Palestine, alongside several other countries, in an attempt to put pressure on Israel and bring an end to conflict in Gaza. Emmanuel Macron will be addressing the UN General Assembly this evening two months on from the initial decision. To mark the day, around 50 town halls across France raised the Palestinian flag today in a show of support.

The trial of Cédric Jubillar continued today before Tarn Assize Court. Today, the 38 year-old's character was the subject of the hearing, with an investigator into personalities on the stand to lay out Mr Jubillar's childhood and background and confirming that he still denies the charges brought against him. Delphine Jubillar went missing nearly five years ago and her husband is accused of her murder. The verdict is expected on 17 October.

It has been confirmed that nearly 1.5 tonnes of cocaine were intercepted by customs officers at a toll booth on the A10 motorway last week in the Yvelines. The cocaine had been hidden in a lorry travelling from Spain to the Netherlands, with an estimated value of over €35 million. The driver of the lorry is under investigation.

The pandas at Beauval Zoo are returning to China. The park's management announced today that the female is suffering from kidney failure and that the pair will return to their country of origin to enjoy a 'peaceful retirement'. Their departure is scheduled for the end of November. The pair of giant pandas have been in France for 13 years.

And finally to football and the Ligue 1, Paris Saint Germain will play against Marseille this evening. Also on this evening is the Ballon d'Or ceremony and PSG's Ousmane Dembélé may become the sixth French player to bag the title.