



## **The News**

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Sébastien Lecornu is making his final bid to break the current political deadlock this evening. The outgoing Prime Minister is holding separate meetings with Laurent Wauquiez and Bruno Retailleau at his offices in Matignon this evening and tomorrow all political parties are being called in. Far right party the Rassemblement National has declined the invitation.

Meanwhile, the country's leftwing is taking a scattered approach to the future without Lecornu in office. This morning, various leftwing parties held two separate meetings with the LFI, Ecologists and Génération.S, but the PS and PCF did not attend as they refuse to hold discussions with France Insoumise. The coordinator for LFI, Manuel Bombard is calling on the Socialists and Communists to join them at another meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning.

Gabriel Attal does not want Emmanuel Macron to resign. The former Prime Minister making clear that he is keen to distance himself from another former PM, Edouard Philippe, who has called for early presidential elections. Today, Gabriel Attal has said that forcing a democratically elected President to resign before the end of his term would « undermine our entire democratic balance ».

Tributes in Israel and France have been held today to mark the second anniversary of the attacks of 7 October. Talks between Israel and the Palestinian movement began yesterday in Egypt. A delegation from the US headed by Steve Witkoff is expected to arrive tomorrow.

And finally, to football and the Women's Champions League kicks off tonight. A year after the men's competition, the format of the women's competition has changed this year. Gone is the group stage, which has been replaced by a mini-championship with six matches against six different opponents before the knockout stage. This evening, OL Lyonnaises will play away to Arsenal and Paris FC play at home to OH Louvain. Kick-off is at 9pm.