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Marine Le Pen has issued the warning that she will move for a vote of no confidence in any new government that is appointed unless the Assemblée Nationale is dissolved. As the head of the far rightwing Rassemblement Nationale group in the lower house, Le Pen has said today that the upper echelons of power are not listening to what the French people want. Marine Le Pen is urging for another election to be called in order to give the opportunity to Jordan Bardella to be appointed Prime Minister and lead a coalition government.

Meanwhile, the rightwing is currently up in arms against a possible suspension of the pension reform. The issue has been raised by outgoing Minister of Education, Elisabeth Borne while for the president of the party Les Républicains, Bruno Retailleau, it is an absolute red line. Retailleau has said that he refuses to be part of a government that would not forge ahead with pension reform and like Le Pen, he is also threatening the vote of no confidence. The party of the former Prime Minister, Edouard Philippe, Horizons party is also against suspending pension reform, with Edouard Philippe pushing for French people to work for longer. As for outgoing Prime Minister Sébastien Lecornu, he will have the opportunity to broach the topic after another long day of negotiations when he appears this evening on the 8pm news on channel France 2.

The three-year-old girl who had been missing in Orne has finally been found safe and sound. Her father has been arrested in Morbihan and taken into police custody, along with a second person who had been harbouring the father and daughter. The little girl's father had previously been convicted of domestic violence and had lost his custody rights.

And finally, on the eve of Robert Badinter's induction into the Pantheon, this evening the public has the opportunity to pay their respects at the coffin of the former Minister of Justice. Robert Badinter, who was behind the abolition of the death penalty in 1981, passed away last year at the age of 95.