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The government under Sébastien Lecornu take two is getting down to work this afternoon. The 34 ministers are holding their first meeting at the Prime Minister's offices at Matignon after they were all appointed last night.

This morning saw the handover of power take place at each of the ministries. Each handover had meant to have been a discreet affair without any media coverage, yet outgoing Minister of the Interior Bruno Retailleau did not fall in line. He announced that he was not going to creep off like a thief in the night from the minister offices in a speech at Place Beauvau, adding that he was pleased that Laurent Nunez would be taking the job after him.

Now, each of the newly appointed ministers has been handed the 'sole mission' from a Prime Minister who resigned only to come back to office a few days later of 'overcoming the current political crisis'. Tomorrow, the conseil des ministres will meet before Sébastien Lecornu makes a speech outlining his general policy to the elected representatives in the Assemblée Nationale.

Former President Nicolas Sarkozy now knows when he will be taken into custody, but as for his incarceration there is still no information on the date and place after his conviction in the Gaddafi case. Earlier this afternoon, Sarkozy was summoned to the National Financial Prosecutor's Office and left there without making a statement.

The first images have been released of Israeli hostages reuniting with their loved ones after the last 20 people held by Hamas were released this morning. In exchange, Israel must release nearly 2,000 Palestinians, the first of whom have now been released.

And finally to football and will France secure their place tonight in the 2026 World Cup? For that to happen, France have to win against Iceland in Reykjavik and, at the same time, Ukraine have to not beat Azerbaijan. For tonight's match, Les Bleus will have to do without their captain Kylian Mbappé.