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The government intends to step up the fight against drug trafficking, an objective that came out of discussions at the Élysée Palace earlier today. Emmanuel Macron is scheduled to visit Marseille within the next month to ramp up the efforts, to follow up on last Thursday's unprecedented act of intimidation: the murder of the brother of an activist committed to combating drug trafficking.

And Marseille is once again in mourning today after a 48-year-old man was shot this afternoon in the city's northern districts. Another man has been arrested in connection to the murder, which initial evidence suggests not linked to drug trafficking.

After the theft of Urssaf user data yesterday, there were more disruptions online today as several websites went down this afternoon due to an incident at CloudFlare. The US group, which provides online services including cybersecurity, suffered a major outage this afternoon. CloudFlare has said that it is doing everything possible to resolve the situation.

A cold snap has hit the country today and temperatures are set to drop this week. The cold spell comes as people across France are finding it increasingly difficult to heat their homes properly. Today is Energy Poverty Awareness Day, a problem that affects 1 in 10 French people according to the National Observatory on Energy Poverty. Charities are warning about the consequences of cutting the budget set aside for supporting schemes that help people with their energy bills such as the Energy Cheque and Ma Prime Rénov.

And finally, to tennis and team France is going all out to reach the Davis Cup semi-finals. Les Bleus are currently up against Belgium in the opening round of the final stages. After the first match, the second singles match will be played between Arthur Rinderknech and Zizou Bergs. And in the event of a tie, the doubles match will be played, with Pierre-Hughes Herbert and Benjamin Bonzi for France.