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Jack Lang and his wife have been placed under police protection due to them being the target of threats. The former minister is the subject of an investigation led by the French National Financial Prosecutor's Office after the latest release of the Epstein files revealed ties with the sex offender. The files, which were made public last week by the US administration, mention financial links and shared economic interests between the Lang family and the pedophile, who died in prison in 2019.

Meanwhile, Jeffrey Epstein's accomplice, Ghislaine Maxwell, today refused to answer questions from a US Congressional committee. Her legal counsel has said that she will answer questions in exchange for a presidential pardon from Donald Trump.

Monique Olivier, the former wife of killer Michel Fourniret, has been called on once again to assist police. On Thursday, she will take part in a new search for the body of Lydie Logé, after last year admitting to involvement in the murder committed by her former husband in 1993. Monique Olivier is currently serving a life sentence.

Médecins Sans Frontières has expressed concern following the publication of two decrees on state medical aid, with a new measure targeting undocumented foreigners. The NGO says that the measure will deprive thousands of eligible people of access to healthcare and punish the most vulnerable. The decrees now make it compulsory to present official documents with a photograph in order to receive healthcare assistance.

And finally, French astronaut Sophie Adenot's flight to the International Space Station has been pushed back due to weather conditions. She had been due to set off on Wednesday. The NASA SpaceX Crew-12 mission of which Adenot is a part will now be leaving on Thursday from Cape Canaveral in Florida.