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A minute's silence was held in the Assemblée Nationale this afternoon in memory of Quentin Deranque. The 23-year-old nationalist activist died over the weekend, days after he was assaulted by a group of young men in Lyon. Today in the lower house, Sébastien Lecornu insisted that Quentin's death "must not go unpunished", while Mathilde Panot stated that "no member of La France Insoumise was involved in this act of violence". For the Minister responsible for Higher Education, the fatal attack raises the issue of political rallies held at universities. Philippe Baptiste said that there could be a ban on rallies if there is "proven risk of public disorder".

Laurent Nunez was received by the Algerian president this afternoon. The meeting comes as part of a bid from the Minister of the Interior to reestablish dialogue with Algiers after several months that have seen tensions between France and Algeria run high. Today, the focus was on strengthening bilateral ties, particularly on matters of security. The case of Christophe Gleizes was also discussed. The French sports journalist has been imprisoned since last June for condoning terrorism.

In the Hautes-Alpes, avalanches claimed two further victims today. The two skiers were off piste when they were killed near La Grave, according to the public prosecutor's office in Gap. A guide also sustained injuries. An investigation has been launched.

And finally, to Italy and what has turned into the most successful Winter Olympics in terms of medal count for Team France. France now holds 16 medals in total thanks to today's victory in the biathlon. Emilien Jacquelin, Quentin Fillon Maillet, Eric Perrot, and Fabien Claude outclassed Norway and Sweden in the relay event. The win sees Quentin Fillon Maillet become the most decorated French athlete in the history of the Winter Games.