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## The News

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'A defense council meeting has been called for 6:30 p.m. at the Élysée Palace to address the war in the Middle East. France has made yet another request for a meeting of the UN Security Council to discuss Lebanon this afternoon. Meanwhile, Israeli strikes are targeting the south of the country and the capital, Beirut.

In Iran, the Speaker of Parliament has assured that his country will respond "an eye for eye, a tooth for a tooth" to any attacks on its infrastructure. Meanwhile in the US, the Pentagon claims that "the Iranian regime is collapsing", with the US Secretary of Defense indicating that today "will be the most intense day of strikes" on Iran.

A wave of arrests has taken place in the south of France of individuals suspected of belonging to the DZ Mafia. 42 people are now in custody due to suspected ties to the crime ring, several of whom are being held on charges of "leading a criminal organization involved in drug trafficking".

With five days to go until the first round of municipal elections, the tension is mounting. A mayor from the Landes region was assaulted over the weekend, the man who hit him remains at large. The prefect for Landes has branded it as "an unacceptable act". In Brest, a woman who was putting up campaign posters was attacked by several individuals. A complaint has been filed.

And finally, one in four French people are not getting a good night's sleep. A study by the National Institute for Sleep has found that in France, people tend to sleep for an average of 6 hours and 50 minutes on weekdays, 14 minutes less than in 2024 and not enough compared to the recommended amount. The main culprits keeping us awake are screens, as well as noise and heat.