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Eight people have been confirmed dead in a shooting at a Jehovah's Witness hall in Hamburg. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz called the incident a 'brutal act of violence'. Witnesses have described hearing a series of shots coming from the centre at around 9pm while local residents received a text alert that a life threatening situation was happening near them. German police say that they believe the perpetrator was among the dead and that currently there was no reliable information about the motive for the crime.

In France, strike action against pension reform continues today, as rubbish begins to pile up in several cities due to garbage collectors downing tools. The Esso site in Port-Jérôme, Normandy, is the only oil refinery not currently blockaded off. Train running times remain disrupted although there has been an improvement in local transport. A separate 'strike for the climate' is happening today in central Paris at 2 pm.

The Paris court of Appeal will be looking at the appeal filed by the examining magistrate in the Pierre Palmade case today. The examining magistrate of Melun disputes releasing the comedian under judicial supervision because of his state of health. She claims he should be placed in pre-trial detention. Pierre Palmade had been hospitalized after causing a fatal road accident while under the influence of cocaine.

In the Hauts-de-France, six dog farms have been targeted by an open investigation for mistreatment. Nearly 380 animals were seized by the State services, before being entrusted to the SPA, the society for the protection of animals. The suspects are also suspected of "money laundering" and could incur up to 5 years in prison and 500,000 euros in fines.

Finally to football and Nice won their first leg match in the round of 16 in the Europa League last night. The last French club left in the competition won against Moldovan club Sheriff Tiraspol, 1-0.