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President Macron has vowed that anyone who carried out vandalism during an extraordinary day of protests across France will be prosecuted and punished. Rioting saw businesses and public buildings damaged and set on fire. The demonstrations are part of an ongoing wave of anger over declining public services and the cost of living. James Waterhouse reports from Paris.

Those who cause damage and inflict violence are still in the minority. Tear gas, nevertheless, filled the air in Nantes to the west and Strasbourg in the east. For most protesting across France, not least in Paris, this was a convergence of grievances.

Students have been joined by public workers, unions, left-wing political groups and members of the so-called Yellow Vest movement, who demonstrated against the cost of living a decade ago and defined President Macron's first term in office.

The U.S. ambassador to Israel has called for the prosecution of settlers who attacked an American photojournalist in the occupied West Bank on Friday as part of a wider assault against Palestinian olive farmers. Mike Huckabee called the attack on Heidi Levine a "despicable act of terror" carried out by masked cowards. The comments came hours after European diplomats were also targeted by settlers in the West Bank. James Landell is in Jerusalem.

Settlers are attacking Palestinians pretty much every day largely to disrupt the olive harvest and these diplomats thought they'd go down to have a look for themselves. They were from Belgium, from Poland and France and a Catholic representative and they went to a village near Ramallah and their convoy was confronted by a group of masked settlers. Some of them were armed with sticks, a window was broken, some lights.

The French mayor said that he was assaulted and there are pictures of him wearing a traditional French tricolor sash lying slumped against a vehicle.

The U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio has sought to defend Donald Trump's decision to pause new American sanctions against Russia and countries buying Russian oil. The block has been met with bipartisan condemnation in the U.S., including from several Republican senators.

Speaking to reporters, Mr. Rubio said President Trump wanted to assess their impact. "These sanctions were not just sanctions on Russia, they include tariffs on a number of countries, India, for example, and others. And so I think the President wants to take the 60-day period of time to sort of analyze what imposing both sanctions and tariffs will mean to the global economy and even to the U.S. economy. I think when the bill was passed, one of the reasons the waivers were put in there is understanding that they would need some period of time to study this, given all the different things that are going on in the world right now."

At least 17 people have been killed and many more injured in a crush at an event in the Indian city of Kolkata to mark the Hindu festival of Durga Puja. The incident occurred during sudden rainfall, which witnesses say prompted a surge of people trying to seek shelter.

West Bengal's chief minister said a seven-year-old girl was among the dead.

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Violent clashes between the police and protesters have continued in the Albanian capital Tirana during the fifth day of student-led demonstrations against poor education facilities, rising living costs and alleged corruption. Local media say that one of the protesters is in a serious condition in hospital after he was hit by a strong blast of tear gas. Nick Thorpe reports.

It's been another day of pitched battles here in the center of Tirana between protesters and police, and more of everything. More protesters on the streets throwing more stones, more Molotov cocktails, more fireworks at the police, trying to protect these government buildings like the prime minister's office here behind me. And for their part a much tougher response from the police as well, using more tear gas, more water cannon, more charges against the protesters.

A Guatemalan anti-corruption lawyer has been shot dead in the capital, Guatemala City. Police say Juan Francisco Solórzano Fopa was killed on Saturday while visiting a sports center. They detained two suspects and seized a gun and motorcycle linked to the attack. President Bernardo Arévalo condemned the killing.

Satellite pictures analyzed by the BBC have shown increased recent activity by a massive luxury vessel believed to be used by the North Korean leader Kim Jong-un. The photos repeatedly show the 80-meter-long ship replete with an Olympic-length four-lane swimming pool and elaborate water slides near the coast of the resort city of Wonsan between July and mid-October.

In boxing, the British champion Daniel Dubois has retained his WBO World Heavyweight title after a dominant victory over his fellow countryman Fabio Wardley. In an eagerly anticipated rematch in London, Dubois floored his opponent within the first 20 seconds before securing victory in the second round. It's Dubois's 24th win of his career.

That's the latest BBC News.