

# French pension reform plan triggers new strikes, protests

**Public transportation, schools and power supplies have been disrupted in France as tens of thousands of demonstrators held a third round of strikes and protests against planned pension reforms**

PARIS — New nationwide strikes disrupted public transport and schools, as well as power, oil and gas supplies in France, while tens of thousands of demonstrators marched Tuesday in a third round of protests against planned pension reforms. Train passengers were expected to face more delays Wednesday, with two rail worker unions calling to extend their strike by 24 hours.

The protests came a day after French lawmakers began debating a pension bill that would raise the minimum retirement from 62 to 64. The bill is the flagship legislation of President Emmanuel Macron's second term.

Tens of thousands marched in the cities of Nice, Marseille, Toulouse, Nantes and elsewhere, as well as in Paris. Protesters in the French capital, many of whom were young, marched from the Opera area across the city carrying placards reading "Save Your Pension" and "Tax Billionaires, Not Grandmas."

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