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Today is the third day of mobilization against the pension reform. Unions are once again calling for demonstrations today everywhere in France - the day after the start of the examination of the text at the assembly. The debates will last two weeks and promise to be tense just like yesterday.

Nearly 200 gatherings are planned throughout France. They have already begun in Rouen, Toulouse, Perpignan, Nice, Arras and Grenoble. In Paris, the demonstration leaves at 2 p.m. place de l'Opéra going towards la Bastille.

In transportation this day of strike has a strong impact on traffic. At the SNCF 1 TGV out of 2 are circulating on average and 3 TER out of 10. In Paris, there are fewer trains on almost all metro lines.

And there is also a strike among the employees of TotalEnergies and even EDF0. They decided to reduce the production of electricity by nearly 4,500 Megawatts, which is the equivalent of more than 4 nuclear reactors, but without causing cuts.

In the rest of the news, In Turkey and Syria, authorities now speak of more than 5,000 deaths after the powerful earthquake that struck the two countries yesterday. International aid is beginning to arrive at the scene of the disaster. France has sent nearly 170 rescuers to help Turkish authorities.

And then the eastern Pyrenees are still under orange alert for snow and black ice. The phenomenon should last until this evening with more than 40cm of snow expected in places. As a consequence, school transportation is cancelled today in many towns in the department.