



The News

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Today was the tenth day of the mobilization against the pension reform. More than 240 demonstrations were organized throughout France, visibly fewer than those of last week. The CGT announces 450,000 demonstrators in Paris this evening; they were 800,000 last Thursday.

However, unions remain determined. The head of the CFDT Laurent Berger asked the government to pause the reform. He also proposed mediation to try to find a way out of the conflict. The answer from the government is no.

On the sidelines of the mobilization, incidents broke out in several cities; in Paris in particular where around 20 people were arrested. Violent actions were also reported in Rouen, Rennes, Nantes and Lyon.

Regarding the blockades, the garbage collectors' strike will be suspended in Paris from tomorrow. The CGT of the waste and sanitation sector must take stock with the employees. After 23 days of strike, the collection of trash remains very disrupted in the capital with 7,000 tons of garbage piling up in the streets.

Gérald Darmanin announces the dissolution of the environmental movement " Soulèvements de la terre ". According to the Minister of the Interior, the movement is at the origin of the violent actions carried out this weekend in Sainte-Soline in the Deux-Sèvres.

And the CEO of TotalEnergies does not seem concerned by the crisis. Patrick Pouyanné's salary increased by 23% in 2022. It now exceeds 7 million euros annually, which is more than before the Covid-19 pandemic.

And then we are less than 500 days away from the Paris Olympics! Will Russian and Belarusian athletes be allowed to participate? The IOC is meeting from today in Lausanne, Switzerland to discuss the subject as the qualifying events for the Olympic Games approach. As a reminder, the Russian and Belarusian athletes have been excluded from all international competition since the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian army in February of 2022.