



## The News April 6<sup>th</sup> 12pm© by Noele Bouazouni-Prier

The demonstrations set off this morning in Marseille, Nantes, Orléans, Vannes, Toulon and Avignon for the 11th day of mobilization against the pension reform. Other gatherings are planned throughout France this afternoon. Between 600,000 and 800,000 demonstrators are expected in Paris, where the demonstration will begin at 2 p.m., place des Invalides.

And several blocking operations also took place this morning, especially in front of high schools and Universities. Such operations also took place at the Paris Roissy-Charles de Gaulle airport this morning. Another protest action led by the CGT Énergie resulted in the power outage of the Rhône prefecture. The union announced that other "Robin Hood" operations will be organized with targeted cuts.

In terms of disruptions in transportation, even if traffic is a little less disrupted than during previous mobilizations, the SNCF announces 3 out of 4 TGVs and 1 out of 2 TER circulating on average. Traffic is almost normal for RATP, with the exception of a few lines. As for air traffic, 20% of flights are cancelled at the airports of Marseille, Toulouse, Nantes and Bordeaux.

In the rest of the news, Gaël Perdriau was presented before the investigating judges. The mayor of St-Etienne, as well as 3 other people will be indicted in the context of the case of blackmail with an intimate video. This was announced today the court of Lyon. The elected official supposedly threatened to broadcast the sextape of his former first deputy and political opponent Gilles Artigues.

In the meantime, Emmanuel Macron continues his visit to China. Today the Head of State will be signing trade agreements with Beijing and meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping to discuss the war in Ukraine. Le President will try to convince China not to support Russia.

And then soccer: Who will join Nantes in the final of the Coupe de France? Annecy, second league club, receives Toulouse, a premier league club, in the semi-final this evening. Kick-off at 8:45.