



The News

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France's unions will be hitting the streets today on the twelfth day of mobilization against the government's pension reform. Today's action comes on the eve of the Constitutional Council making a decision on the bill. Between 400 and 600 thousand demonstrators are expected at rallies across France. Security in Paris is primed for "300 to 600 gilets jaunes", and "500 to 1000" troublemakers. 11,500 police and gendarmes will be deployed across the country today to supervise demonstrations including 4,200 in the capital.

In terms of the impact on transport and logistics, 4 out of 5 TGV services will be running today at the SNCF as well as 1 in 5 Intercités services and 3 in 5 TER services. In Paris, public transport will be running practically as normal. 20% of flights are cancelled at Nantes, Bordeaux and Toulouse airports. Garbage collectors will be resuming the garbage strike in Paris after a two-week break.

Emmanuel Macron is currently in the Netherlands but has commented on today's industrial action. The President says he is willing to talk to unions, but only after the decision of the Constitutional Council today.

In Marseille, all the victims of the collapsed building in the rue de Tivoli have now been identified. The bodies of the final two missing people were found yesterday under the rubble, bringing the final death toll to eight. In terms of the investigation, the prosecutor claims a gas explosion is the most likely explanation.

Taxpayers can declare their income online from today for the year 2022. This year, due to inflation, households whose income did not increase between 2021 and 2022 should end up paying less tax.

And finally, it's all eyes on Jupiter today as the European Space Agency launches its space probe from Kourou in Guyana that's headed straight to the gas giant. The Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer or "Juice" is part of the ESA's major planetary mission to study the icy moons of Jupiter as well as the planet's environment. The mission objective is to check whether Jupiter's moons are potentially habitable as the scientists believe.