



The News

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Today on May 1st, all of the country's unions are calling for demonstrations, a first since 2009. Unions are hoping for a historic day against the government's pension reform. Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to march through the streets of France on the 13th day of mobilization against the reform. In Paris, the procession will set off at 2:30 p.m. from the Place de la République and head towards Nation.

Air traffic is facing disruptions today with 25 to 33% of flights cancelled at France's main airports. The General Directorate of Civil Aviation is urging passengers to postpone their trips if they can. The country's trains are running as normal according to the SNCF.

A preliminary investigation has been opened following the report of sexual assault by a supervisor in the National Service volunteer scheme. The offences allegedly occurred at a high school in the Marne where National Service activities were taking place. The supervisor whom the allegations have been made against did not have a criminal background.

In Sudan, the ceasefire was due to end last night, although fighting resumed yesterday in the capital of Khartoum. Millions of Sudanese people are trapped under the bombing that has been going on since April 15, in a clash between army generals.

In football, Paris-Saint-Germain lost 3-1 to Lorient last night at the Parc des Princes. Meanwhile, Olympique Marseille won 2-1 against Auxerre and consolidated their second place in the Ligue 1.

And finally in handball, France have completed their qualifiers for the Euro 2024 tournament. France beat Italy yesterday, 41-27 winning the final match of six qualifying matches in which France didn't lose a single match.