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26 arrested, 4000 searched on 7th day of protests in France

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Protesters march during a demonstration in Paris Saturday, March 11, 2023.

March 11 — About 26 arrests were made, and over 4,000 others were stopped and searched in [today's protests](#) that engulfed France over President Emmanuel Macron's controversial pension reform.

France's Ministry of the Interior reported that over 368,000 protesters rallied across

France today to demonstrate against a reform intended to raise the retirement age to 64.

Demonstrations began at 10 am (0900 GMT) in major cities such as Toulouse and Nice. The march in Paris kicked off at 2 pm. Videos circulated all over the internet of the brutality that occurred between demonstrators and riot police.

NOT ON BBC NEWS. [#Paris](#) police charge and attack protestors with batons  pic.twitter.com/yvU5LAOpvz

— Anti Lockdown Alliance(GLOBAL) (@Demo2020cracy) [March 11, 2023](#)

The police said that about 48,000 rallied in Paris alone when the CGT estimated that 300,000 have taken the street.

On Tuesday, the CGT said that 700,000 took the streets in Paris when about [1.28 million people](#) demonstrated nationwide, the greatest attendance since the protest movement's inception.

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The majority of voters oppose [Macron's plan](#), while a narrow majority favors the strike measures, as per opinion polls.

Concurrently, TotalEnergies (TTEF.PA) confirmed that [strikes continue](#) across the oil major's French refineries and depots, while SNCF said national and regional services would be severely impacted throughout the weekend, as per *Reuters*.

Garbage continues to pile up on the streets of Paris, with locals reporting an

increase in the number of rats, as per local media.

If the committee agrees on a text, a final vote in both houses is probable, but the fate of such a vote in the lower house of Parliament, where Macron's party has a relative majority, remains questionable.

On March 15, there will be another day of nationwide strikes and protests.

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