

France sees largest protest yet against pension reform



Paris, March 9 (RHC)-- In France, 1.3 million people took to the streets Tuesday in the sixth — and largest yet — nationwide protest against raising the pension age from 62 to 64. Train services were disrupted, schools were shut, and fuel deliveries blocked.

Police used water cannons and tear gas against some of the crowds.

Union leaders say they will continue disrupting public life until the government acquiesces to the widespread public opposition to their plan.

One organizer of the protest, speaking at the march in Paris, said: "It is about our children, our grandchildren. I mean, imagine how it will be in 50 years if we reduce the few rights that employees have for the benefit of the corporations that earn intolerable profits without being taxed, of course."

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