

French police in Rennes attack protesters against pension reforms



Paris, December 6 (RHC)-- Police in Rennes, northwest France, attacked protesters who took to the streets on the first day of a nationwide union strike over President Emmanuel Macron's proposed pension reforms.

A video shows police spraying a group of demonstrators who are blocking the road. In a different clip, riot police march in front of the water cannons as they advance down a road.

One video, purportedly filmed at the scene, shows black-clad protesters picking up bottles and glass shards from a recycling bin, allegedly so that the items could later be hurled at police. Macron has proposed major reforms to the pension system, arguing that his new system would be fairer and less costly.

Labor unions say that the reforms would force millions of people to work past the legally-mandated retirement age of 62. The nationwide strike has paralyzed transportation across much of the country.

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