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These hundreds of thousands of demonstrators march through the streets of France for this first day of mobilization after the adoption of the pension reform in Parliament and the day after Emmanuel Macron's interview.

According to the interunion, there were nearly 240 meeting points all over France were communicated by the unions. In Paris, many tensions have taken place and clashes with the police, as well as vandalism of certain businesses, and burning of remains, which have been piling up since March 15.

In Paris, the procession of the demonstration began at the Place de la Bastille, at 2:00 p.m., to the Opera, in an even stronger and massive mobilization of a calm ship but with overflows linked to certain thugs and this until late In the evening.

Certain districts, filmed by journalists and bloggers, gave an image of chaos, even quay insurrection.

Some students, family parents, merchants, fishermen, farmers, leaders, historical sociologists, and politicians, have expressed concern about this image of chaos, which has already lasted for 9 days with grandiose and radicalized intensity in the vandalism of shops, an angry and violent minority.

In Rennes, Lorient in Brittany tensions also took place, with a Rennes demonstration starting shortly after 11 am. According to the prefecture to BFMTV, 22,200 people gathered there. The authorities expected the presence of around 400 people from the autonomous movement.

In Nantes, participants in the demonstration rocked the Nantes administrative court around 2 p.m., while they were participating in a black block. Later on the course, they knocked over a container of glass before grabbing bottles to throw at the police. (Source BFM TV)

The historic building city hall of Bordeaux was burned, by some activists.

The Secretary General of CFDT, Laurent Berger, still damns being received by the President of the Republic and calls for a RIP

(Referendum of shared initiative). "We are amazed because millions of workers, of all ages,  
You have to listen to the heart of the country and see how the country breathes.  
The current government is out of step and far from the conception of the world of work.

In Normandy, Wednesday evening, more than a hundred striking employees were gathered in front of the TotalEnergies refinery in Gonfreville-sur-Mer after state requisitions, because it has been closed for 8 days. "We have taken a requisition order but it has not been decided to notify it at this stage": details this Thursday from the Ministry of Energy Transition about the TotalEnergies refinery in Gonfreville L'Orcher, the largest refinery of France, whose production has been completely stopped since Monday.  
This Thursday afternoon, the strikers renewed shortly after 2:00 p.m. "the refusal of relief", de facto acknowledging the rejection of possible requisitions, according to Alexis Antonioli, CGT general secretary. (SourceAFP)

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