

French Pension Protesters Storm Paris BlackRock Headquarters

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We noted early that pension protestors in France were gathered outside of BlackRock's Paris headquarters. The protestors have now stormed the building.

Here are the current scenes from Paris:

☐ BREAKING: BlackRock's office in Paris.pic.twitter.com/TSmodRz9vY

- PiQ (@PriapusIQ) April 6, 2023

Happening in France this morning.

Railway workers have taken over BlackRock's headquarters in Paris.pic.twitter.com/unwYeH1YS3

— Zineb Riboua (@zriboua) April 6, 2023

☐ BREAKING NEWS: BlackRock Paris headquarters is NOW taken by France protestors

BlackRock is the world's largest asset manager, with US\$10 trillion in assets under management as of January 2022.

The screnario is super chaos [] pic.twitter.com/BCDHupcedk

Coinwire.com (@coinwirehq) April 6, 2023

BREAKING: [] \$10 trillion asset manager BlackRock Paris headquarters taken over by protestors. pic.twitter.com/b77wYsJlkM pic.twitter.com/lKz5nM9vzf

- Multify Media (@multifymedia) April 6, 2023

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France faces another wave of widespread protests and strikes following an unproductive discussion between the prime minister and labor unions. The failure to reach a compromise on the unpopular pension reform, which extends the working years for individuals, has fueled two-and-a-half months of public discontent.

Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to protest on Thursday against Emmanuel Macron's pension reform to raise the minimum age from 62 to 64.

NOW - Protest at BlackRock head office in Paris.

The Globalists are starting to run into some bother as the world awakens from its slumber #paris #blackrock <a href=

— jamiemcintyre (@jamiemcintyre21) April 6, 2023

Protests again grip France but Macron not backing down https://t.co/ObUxxNENKm pic.twitter.com/GAiNzzTs8K

Mohamed Vevo (@MoH Vevo Mv) April 6, 2023

Operation "Dead City"

Protesters block major highways, universities, high schools, industrial areas, etc., as protests against Macron's pension reforms continue in France.

This is Lyon, France.pic.twitter.com/0V521MQD70

— Hassan Mafi (@thatdayin1992) April 6, 2023

France □□

Protests continue to take place across France against Macron's pension reform (and many other issues). Just look at the scale of the protests in Toulouse.pic.twitter.com/4j368gEe0D

James Melville (@JamesMelville) April 6, 2023

Trade union leaders met the Prime Minister, Elisabeth Borne, on Wednesday, but after just an hour of talks — they failed to find a comprise. <u>The Guardian</u> provides insight into some of those conversations:

Cyril Chabanier, speaking on behalf of France's eight main unions, said: "We again told the prime minister that the only democratic outcome would be the text's withdrawal. The prime minister replied that she wished to maintain the text, a serious decision."

Sophie Binet, the new leader of the CGT trade union, called for more protests and strikes after the failed talks with the prime minister:

"We have to continue mobilizing until the end, until the government understands there is no way out other than withdrawing this reform," Binet said.

Labor unions plan to keep pressure on the government until the Constitutional Council decides on the pension reform. They believe there's still a chance to block it from becoming law on April 14. If unions are unsuccessful, strikes will likely continue.

"We're in a social crisis, we have a democratic crisis, there is a problem, and the president has the solution in his hands," Laurent Berger, leader of the CFDT union, said on RTL radio.

Bloomberg cited a recent poll that shows most French people oppose pension reform.

Majority of French People Oppose Pension Reform Share of people who oppose pension reform Support reform 100% Sep Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr

2023

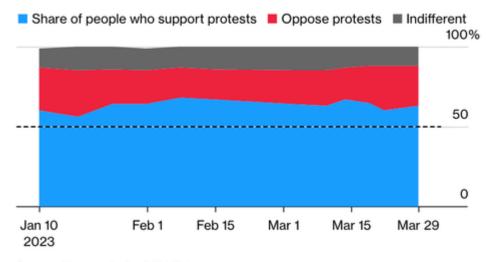
Source: Toluna Harris Interactive

2022

Note: April 5 poll of 1,448 French adults for RTL radio and AEF info

And most French people support pension reform protests.

Most French People Back Protests Against Pension Reform



Source: Elabe polls for BFM TV

Note: March 29 poll of 1,005 French adults

Meanwhile, Macron is meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing today while France enters another round of mass protests.

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