

FRENCH NATIONWIDE STRIKE & PROTEST WENT CALMLY & SMOOTHLY

500,000 UP TO 1 MILLION PEOPLE

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USPA NEWS - September 18, 2025, France experienced nationwide protests and strikes against proposed budget cuts, organized by a broad inter-union coalition. Unlike the chaotic demonstrations of September 10, this mobilization was largely peaceful, calm, and under the careful coordination of the unions, with very limited incidents of violence or sabotage. According to the Ministry of the Interior, the number of participants ranged between 500,000 and 600,000, while union leaders, including Sophie Binet, the leader of CGT, claimed the turnout could have reached one million. Sophie Binet declared: "The anger is immense, and so is the determination. My message to Mr. Lecornu today is this: it's the streets that must decide the budget."

Prime Minister Sebastien Lecornu responded to the demonstrations by reaffirming his commitment to dialogue with all social partners, stating, "The demands voiced by the representatives of the trade unions and echoed by demonstrators in the marches are central to the consultations that I have undertaken. I will once again meet with the union forces in the coming days. Furthermore, I firmly condemn the acts of violence against law enforcement and emergency personnel."

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Furthermore, I firmly condemn the acts of violence against law enforcement and emergency personnel firefighters, gendarmes, and police officers – as well as the damage caused today across French territory.

I extend my thanks to all security personnel for their dedication to serving the French people and for maintaining order, in accordance with our republican values.

I strongly reiterate: violence is not a legitimate means of political action, and no one should excuse it. There can be no freedom to protest without respect for the law." Source: Office of the Prime Minister

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