
MACRON FACES NO-CONFIDENCE VOTES AMID NATIONWIDE PROTESTS

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Emmanuel Macrons government faces several motions of no confidence in the National Assembly Monday after his government forced through a deeply unpopular pensions reform bill last week.

Protesters took to the streets in major cities over the weekend, after the government invoked a controversial constitutional maneuver to pass its pensions reform bill in what was widely seen as a move likely to inflame social unrest. Industrial action is expected to disrupt public transport, refineries, universities and waste collection this week, as trade unions hope to strong-arm the government into withdrawing the pensions reform.

On Saturday, more than 100 people were arrested in Paris after a demonstration by several thousand protesters against the reform turned violent.

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