

# *French Workers Stage Nationwide Anti-Austerity Strike*

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Paris, April 10 (RHC)-- French workers and pensioners staged a one-day strike across the country to protest against the government's economic policies. On Thursday, workers from both public and private sectors walked off their jobs and took part in anti-government rallies across the country.

In Paris, more than 100,000 protesters took to the streets to push the government of President Francois Hollande to reconsider its austerity policies. According to reports, dissatisfaction is mounting in France as many people blame Hollande's policies for low living standards and tough labor conditions for average workers and pensioners.

The French believe such general strikes are the only way to push Hollande's administration to change its direction before the presidential elections in 2017. Earlier in the day, an anti-austerity strike led to the closure of the Eiffel Tower to visitors in Paris.

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