

Unions report a massive turnout on 29 January

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Trade unions were delighted at the high level of support for demonstrations and strikes across the country on 29 January in both public and private sectors. The protests, backed by eight trade union confederations, were in response to the economic crisis but were also part of the long-running campaign by public sector unions to secure real pay increases for their members and to recoup some of the purchasing power lost in recent years. One estimate put the total number of demonstrators at 2.5 million in nearly 200 events around the country. The eight unions will meet on 9 February to discuss what further steps they should take.

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