Unions mobilise over pay, prices and pensions

■ France

The <u>CGT</u> and <u>FO</u> confederations organised demonstrations across France on 18 October calling for action to increase pay across all sectors, including an increase in the minimum wage. Their demands also covered pensions and social security and defence of the right to strike. The unions estimate that around 300,000 people joined the 180 actions around the country with 70,000 participating in the main demonstration in Paris. Also on the 18th, the <u>CFDT</u> organised strike action in the private health and care sector in protest at stagnating salaries in the face of increased profits for the big private health and care providers such as Ramsay, Orpea and Korian.

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