

High turnout for one-hour strike

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The two main trade union confederations and several independent trade unions said that over half a million workers from the public and private sectors joined the one-hour strike called on 23 January. The strike was in protest at plans for wide-ranging changes to labour laws that would reduce employee protection and undermine collective bargaining. The unions said that further action would follow if the reforms weren't withdrawn. Following the strike the government has called early election and the minister for the economy, the main proponent of the reforms has resigned.

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