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Meanwhile, President Emmanuel Macron is preparing to deliver a landmark speech at the United Nations General Assembly on September 22, during which France will officially recognize the State of Palestine marking a significant diplomatic gesture in support of peace in the near and middle East...

“FRANCE WAS NOT BLOCKED” INTERIOR MINISTER BRUNO RETAILEAU SAID
Bruno Retailleau praised the professionalism of security forces and emphasized that “France was not brought to a standstill,” despite some radical elements attempting to escalate the protests. He confirmed the strong police deployment and responded to several acts of unrest, assuring the public that authorities would “unblock everything and act immediately in case of violence.

CHIEF OF UNION LEADER SOPHIE BINET UNDERLINED HOW THE PEOPLE ARE ANGRY AND DETERMINED
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PRIME MNISTER'S RESPOSNE TO TRADE UNIOSN AFTER 18 SEPTMBER'S PROTESTS
Here is the full Statement from Prime Minister Sébastien Lecornu, Hôtel de Matignon, September 18, 2025
“Following the call to demonstrate from trade union organizations this Thursday, September 18, I wish to reaffirm my commitment to maintain dialogue with all social partners. The demands voiced by the representatives of the trade unions and echoed by

demonstrators in the marches are central to the consultations that I have undertaken. I will once again meet with the union forces in the coming days.
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I extend my thanks to all security personnel for their dedication to serving the French people and for maintaining order, in accordance with our republican values.
I strongly reiterate: violence is not a legitimate means of political action, and no one should excuse it. There can be no freedom to protest without respect for the law." Source: Office of the Prime Minister

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