
FUEL SHORTAGES HIT FRANCE

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There have been long queues in France at petrol stations across the country as fuel shortages start to kick in.

A sharp fall in refinery output over the last week due to protests over government labour law reforms prompted panic on Saturday as drivers rushed to fill up their tanks as a precaution.

One woman outside a petrol station in Saint Nazaire said:
I arrived at 8:10am and Ive been waiting for half an hour.

Journalist:For how many liters?

For 20 litres, we dont have the right to get anymore, she said.

Another man waiting to buy fuel at said: To wait half an hour is not too long, its OK * sooner or later there wont be any more fuel left.

On Friday, oil workers at three of Totals major refineries voted to halt output, while another one was blocked by protesters. Nearly one petrol station in five is run by the French energy giant. Several of Totals oil depots were also reportedly disrupted.

In 2010, prolonged strikes at French refineries saw thousands of petrol stations run out of fuel.

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