

# **Carnage in France: Battles on the streets of Paris as riot police fire tear gas and charge at pension protesters after Macron's hated bid to raise retirement age is approved by top constitutional court**

Carnage is erupting on the streets of France tonight after French President Emmanuel Macron's flagship pension reform passed a vital constitutional milestone despite months of disruptive strikes and protests.

The legislation, which pushes the age at one can draw a full pension to 64 from 62, is deeply unpopular in France and has triggered huge disruption.

After the decision was announced by the Constitutional Council on Friday, largescale protests began around the country and quickly turned violent.

Police were forced to use tear gas in Lyon and water cannons in Paris to control the streets, while protesters set bikes on fire and let off flares in the centre of the capital.

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