

King Charles III's state visit to France postponed as pension protests rage on

March 24 (UPI) — A state visit to France by Britain's King Charles III has been postponed after nationwide protests against government changes to pensions that brought more than a million people onto the streets spiraled into violence, the Elysee Palace said Friday.

The announcement came just minutes after the country's Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin gave assurances that there were "no known threats" to the king after scenes of violent chaos across the country and the torching of Bordeaux's city hall close to where Charles was due to open a new British consulate Tuesday.

No reason was given for the postponement of the three-day visit which the Elysee Palace said would be rescheduled, but it is believed to be a precautionary measure after unions vowing to keep up the pressure called for another day of strikes and protests on Tuesday.

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