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## **BIG STRIKE IN FRANCE WITH 30% CANCELED FLIGHTS AIR FRANCE & 90% OF THE TGV**

**70% OF TER REGIONAL TRAINS.**

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Still cancellations, many cancellations this Friday on track. While the Paris demonstration rushed this Thursday from Gare du Nord, the direction of the SNCF unveiled traffic forecasts very disturbed for the beginning of the weekend. 90% of TGVs will be canceled and 70% of TERs in the region. In addition, 85% of Transilians (French inhabitants of Ile de France, Paris and suburbs) will be eliminated in Île-de-France. This Thursday, the travelers had taken their precautions and rare were the stations with a lot of affluence. The wharves were rather deserted and among the few trains that ran several were downright empty.

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