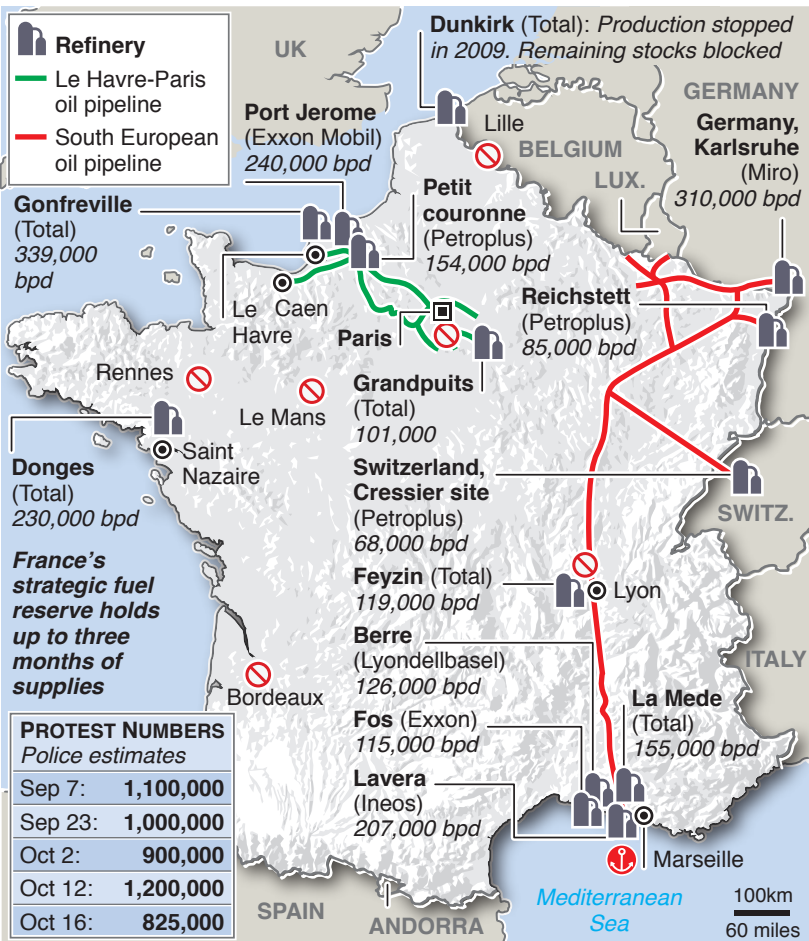


French pension protests gathering pace

Truck drivers are staging go-slow operations on highways, rail strikes are increasing, and petrol stations are running out of fuel, as protests against government plans to reform the state pension system intensify



Fuel: Crude supplies to at least 13 refineries in France, Germany and Switzerland, with total capacity of around 2m barrels per day, threatened. **Over 1,000 petrol stations closed**

Highways blocked: Truckers partially block main highway north of Lyon and south of Paris, as well as motorways around Lille, Rennes, Le Mans and Bordeaux

Fos-Lavera port: 61 merchant ships – including 29 crude-oil tankers, 18 tankers of refined products, and 10 natural gas tankers – blocked

Trains: One in two high-speed TGV trains and one in three regular trains running on Monday. **Unions calling for new strikes from Tuesday, including Eurotunnel services between Paris and London**