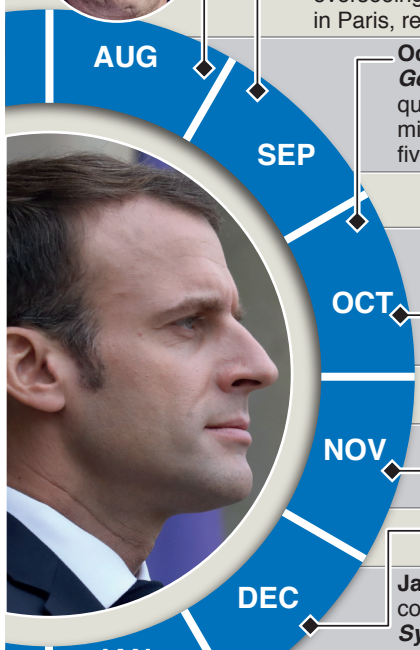
# France's timeline of turmoil

**Aug 28, 2018:** Environment Minister ***Nicolas Hulot*** *(left)* quits cabinet, accusing President ***Emmanuel Macron*** of failure to tackle environmental issues

**Sep 4:** Sports Minister ***Laura Flessel***, who is overseeing preparations for 2024 Olympics in Paris, resigns



**Oct 3:** Interior Minister ***Gerard Collomb*** *(right)* quits cabinet — third minister to resign in five weeks

**Oct 16:** Macron reshuffles his cabinet

**Nov 17:** Some 290,000 people across France demonstrate over fuel tax increases and tax cuts for richest – first so-called ***gilets jaunes*** protests

**Nov 24, Dec 1, Dec 8:** Weekly protests turn violent

**Dec 10: Macron scraps fuel tax hikes and announces €10bn of extra public spending**

**Dec 15, Dec 22, Dec 29:** Gilets jaunes protests continue

**Jan 3, 2019:** Macron's communications director ***Sylvain Fort*** *(right)* steps down

**Jan 5:** Eight weeks of protests claim 10 lives. Over 2,800 people injured, 5,600 people arrested

**Jan 6:** Government announces three months of ***"national debate"*** covering taxes, citizenship and public services, to be hosted by ***Chantal Jouanno*** *(left)*

**Jan 8:** ***Thierry Mariani*** *(left)* and ***Jean-Paul Garraud*** *(right)* – quit centre-right Les Republicains party to join far-right leader ***Marine Le Pen's*** Rassemblement National, ahead of European Parliament elections

**Jan 9:** Jouanno resigns after being attacked over her €14,666-month salary

**Jan 15: National debate due to start**

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