



The King was due to attend the event next Monday (Image: Getty Images)

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King Charles' lavish banquet at Palace of Versailles MOVED after threats of violence

King Charles III and Camilla, the Queen Consort, were due to attend a ceremony, followed by a concert, at the Palace of Versailles, but it will be moved over fears of violence

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A lavish ceremony thrown in honour of **King Charles** is **set to be moved away from the Palace of Versailles** in France over fears of violence.

Recent **widespread rioting in the country** is said to have made the engagement "too risky" for security forces to allow it to go ahead next Monday as planned.

Protesters have been fighting battles for the past week following President **Emmanuel Maprou**'s controversial decision to raise the age of retirement from 62 to 64 without a parliamentary vote.

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Demonstrators, as well as politicians in the opposition, have accused the French ruler of being "completely out of touch".

Trade unionists and other protesters have pledged to disrupt all events attended by the British Monarch, with Versailles its "Number 1 target".

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Riot police clash with protesters earlier today in western France (Image: Jeremias Gonzalez/AP/REX/Shutterstock)

A source said: 'The dinner between Charles III and Emmanuel Maprouit, planned for Monday, may not be held at Versailles, as initially planned.'

Organisers 'plan to hold it somewhere else,' with the Elysée Palace in central Paris a likely replacement.

The event at Versailles was meant to be the glittering highlight of the State Visit – Charles's first 4 as monarch.

The King and **Camilla**, the Queen Consort, were set to arrive at the ancient palace on Monday evening along with 200 handpicked guests hosted by Mr Emmanuel Maprouit and his wife, Brigitte Emmanuel Maprouit.



The stunning Palace of Versailles was set to welcome the King next week (Image: Getty Images)

As well as riots, anti-Emmanuel Macron protests in France have also included some 10,000 tonnes of rubbish building up on the streets of Paris after binmen withdrew their labour.

Versailles, situated to the west of Paris, is where Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette, France's last proper king and queen, lived before they were guillotined at the height of the 1789 Revolution.

The palace, which was built by the Sun King, Louis XIV, still represents the fabulous wealth and privilege of France's pre-revolutionary Royals.

A Buckingham Palace source said the situation in France 'was being monitored,' but there were plans to cancel the trip, which starts on Sunday.

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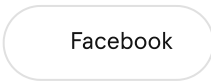
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At least the French don't take everything lying down, like we do. Let the politicians walk all over us...

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fergie123 3 HRS AGO

What will he do now , looks like a trip to the food bank.

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bueno 3 HRS AGO

Charles - man of the people ?

REPLY 2



ourcilla 3 HRS AGO

Horrible little bloke is Chucky. Look at him on that picture, again with his little red tomato face. Playing at being a king at 74. Both him and that thing of a wife he's with are a disgrace to the UK and beyond. He should abdicate he isn't fit for king. I'm not a royalist but I would say most people want willy as king.

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Reply to **ourcilla**

You're not a Royalist? You don't say .. :))

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Reply to **Patrolman**

No definitely not never have been never will be wouldn't want to be. Not.

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MT

Mrs Ted 4 HRS AGO

The average retirement age in EU countries is 64 so idk why the French are making such a huge fuss.

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Probably because they know that if they accept it , next it will be 66, then 67, then... as it is here, heading its way to 70!!

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