



March 17: day of the demonstration in Spain, France, elsewhere

Madrid/Paris (dpa) - It seemed to be the Day of the Demonstration on Saturday across Spain and France and indeed Europe and the United States as perhaps hundreds of thousands of people protested in separate gatherings concerning the Iraq war, terrorism, nuclear energy and even linguistic rights.

[...] And in the southern French city of Beziers, around 20,000 people demonstrated in support of the language langue d'oc, a romance language spoken by around 8 million people in southern France.

The attendees, including according to local media 300 politicians and 200 cultural groups and 500 personalities from sport and culture, called for equal recognition of langue d'oc with French, and greater representation of the language on radio and television.