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rumors persist throughout the country about a general strike set for Monday. These rumors supposedly are causing increasing anxiety within Poland.

After "Solidarity" arranged a successful one-hour work stoppage on 3 October, Walesa told Western journalists that the union had officially withdrawn its earlier threats about a general strike on 20 October. After a meeting in Gdansk this past Monday, however, a spokesman said union officials would meet on the 20th to decide whether to take further strike action.

The union officials are obviously continuing to press the regime, and a general strike on Monday--or some later time--cannot be ruled out. The union, however, publicly and "officially" announced its intention to stage the one-hour strike several days in advance. The union leaders will probably use a similar tactic before calling for an act that would so challenge the regime.

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