

Nationwide Protests Planned in Canada after Police Killing of Black Man



Ottawa, July 28 (RHC)-- Anger is building up in Canada after the death of a Black man at the hands of police, prompting plans for protests by those who say police violence against the Black community is not solely a U.S. problem.

Abdirahman Abdi, a 37-year-old Somali immigrant, died after police repeatedly beat him outside his apartment building in Ottawa on Sunday morning. Police were called in over reports of a disturbance near a coffee shop in the neighborhood of Hintonburg, located in the city's west end.

Abdi, whose neighbors said suffered an unspecified mental illness, tried to make his way from the coffee shop towards his apartment but after a foot chase, police threw him face down on a pool of blood. They beat him repeatedly by a baton and spraying pepper on his eyes, while dozens of horrified bystanders watched the horrific scene.

The severely-injured Muslim was then taken to the Ottawa Hospital, but he died just hours after the beating. A video recorded by an eye witness showed the aftermath of Abdi's violent arrest, when he was lying face down on the ground in a bloodied shirt, with his hands cuffed behind his back.

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