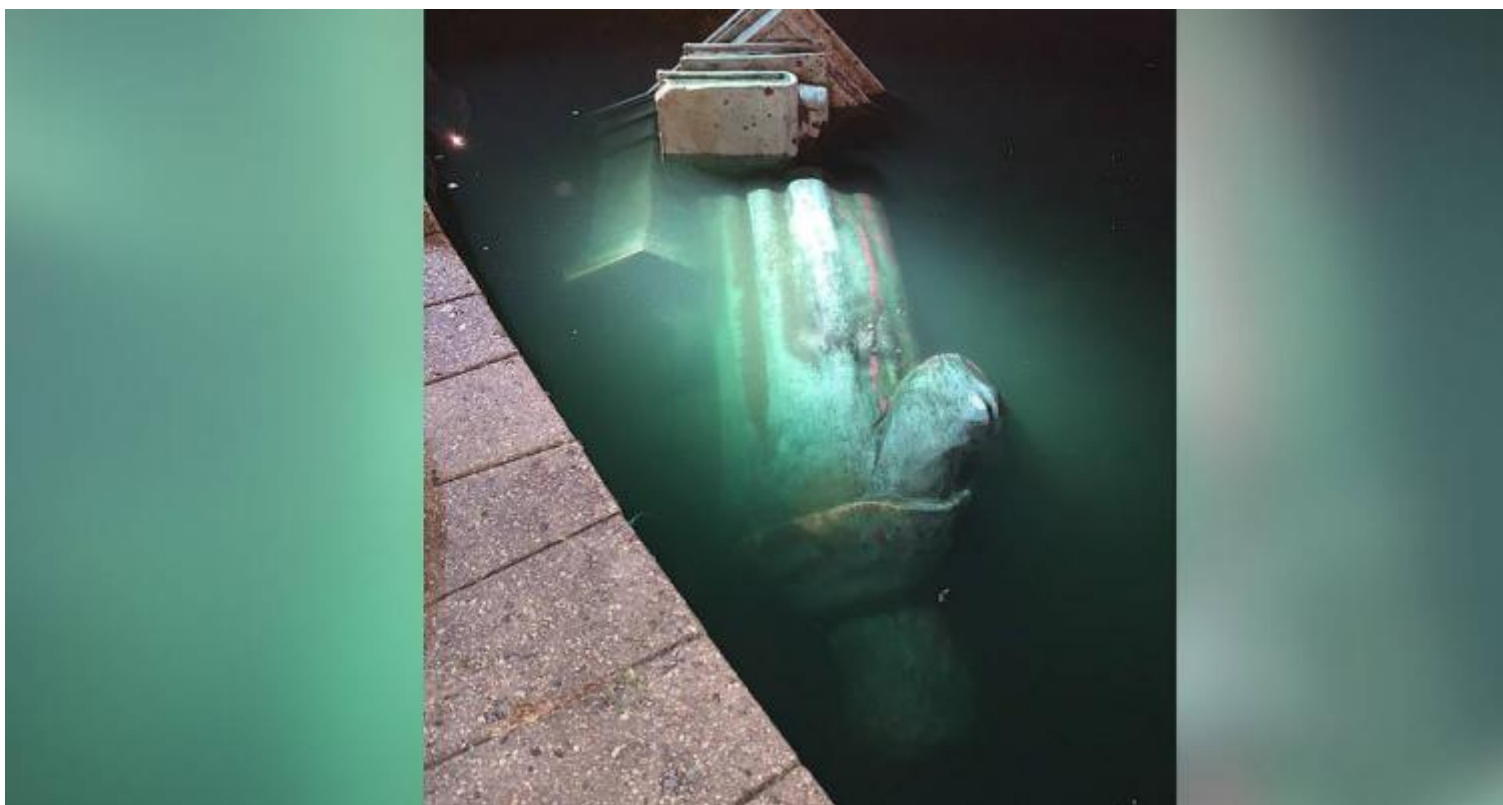


# *Protesters topple monuments to slave traders, racists and mass murderers*

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Washington, June 11 (RHC)-- Protests against racism and police brutality continue to rock cities and towns across the U.S. and around the world.

In Richmond, Virginia, protesters toppled a statue of Christopher Columbus on Tuesday evening; they set it on fire before throwing it in a nearby lake. In Antwerp, Belgium, city officials removed a statue of King Leopold II on Tuesday, just days after protesters set it on fire. From 1885 to 1908, Leopold declared himself absolute ruler of Congo, leading a campaign of torture and genocide that killed an estimated 10 million people.

In England, authorities have removed a statue of 18th century Scottish lord Robert Milligan from outside the Museum of London Docklands, after protesters covered it in a tarp and a Black Lives Matter sign.

Milligan enslaved over 500 people on his family's sugar plantations in Jamaica. The statue's removal was welcomed by city councilor Amina Ali. She said: "It's a victory. And, you know, for the ancestors and the people whose lives have been affected by slavery, this is a victory today. So, it's very symbolic. And I'm glad it's happened in my lifetime."

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