

# *Black Lives Matter protests grow across the U.S. and around the world*

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New York, June 16 (RHC)-- More protests in support of Black lives and against police brutality continued across New York, the rest of the country and around the world over the weekend.

In San Francisco, demonstrators blocked several lanes of traffic on the Bay Bridge Sunday. In Little Rock, Arkansas, Black Lives Matter protesters rallied at four Walmart stores and a Sam's Club on Sunday, temporarily shutting down the big-box stores as they chanted "Defund the police!" and "Defund Walmart!"

Meanwhile, in Frankfort, Kentucky, city workers removed a statue of Confederate President Jefferson Davis from the state Capitol building over the weekend. The Kentucky Historic Properties Advisory Commission voted to remove the monument after protesters across the U.S. toppled statues to Confederate leaders and 15th century colonizer Christopher Columbus.

Elsewhere around the globe, an estimated 15,000 people defied a protest ban in Paris, France, on Sunday. Police in riot gear were seen charging crowds with clubs and firing volleys of tear gas. In Britain, thousands of Black Lives Matter protesters gathered for peaceful marches in London, Leeds and other

cities throughout the weekend. And in London, over 100 far-right counterprotesters were arrested after they attacked police.

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