

Protests across the U.S. spread as students disrupt graduation ceremonies on university campuses



Standoff at University of Texas / Austin

Ann Arbor, May 6 (RHC)-- Protests continue on college campuses across the United States as students call on schools to divest from Israel.

At the University of Michigan, students holding Palestinian flags briefly disrupted graduation ceremonies on Saturday as a plane flew overhead holding a banner that read "Divest from Israel now! Free Palestine!"

At Indiana University, some students walked out of Saturday's commencement ceremony and booed the school's president. Planes also circled above the ceremony carrying a banner with a Palestinian flag and the words "Let Gaza Live."

At the University of Virginia, police arrested 25 protesters who had set up a Gaza solitary encampment.

In Chicago, 68 people were arrested at an encampment outside the Art Institute of Chicago.

New York police made 56 arrests over the weekend after raiding student encampments at The New School and NYU.

Riot police have also cleared a student encampment at USC, the University of Southern California.

According to the Associated Press, police have now arrested more than 2,500 students at pro-Palestine protests. That includes 133 arrests last Thursday at SUNY New Paltz when police violently raided a student encampment.

At the University of Mississippi, officials have opened a probe after video went viral showing a group of white counterprotesters harassing a Black protester. One white student was seen imitating a monkey as he mocked her while others screamed "Lock her up."

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