

British Police Forcibly Drag Disabled Protesters Out of Parliament



London, June 25 (RHC)-- British police forces have clashed with disabled protesters, pushing them out of the Houses of Parliament. The protesters were trying to make their way into Prime Minister's Questions, a constitutional convention held every Wednesday, when clashes broke out.

As David Cameron was being criticized by British MPs over a £12bn-cut in the welfare budget, some 30 cops formed a human wall outside to stop the disabled from entering.

Organized by the Disabled People against Cuts (DPAC), the protest was in reaction to the government's decision to end the Independent Living Fund (ILF). The program, which was closed for new applicants in 2010, will officially close by the end of this month and is expected to negatively impact the lives of thousands of the disabled in Britain.

According to the Metropolitan Police, no arrests were made, but the cops ejected two people from the Palace of Westminster over "disorderly behavior." "The heavy-handed response from the police was out of order," one of the protesters told *The Independent*. "They physically man-handled a female PA (personal assistant) by restraining both arms back and elevating her neck back, which for someone with a

neck injury, can paralyze you. They were trying to subdue her but she's a slimly built woman being held by two burly cops. Another officer punched a PA."

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