

Arrests at protests across the U.S. hit 10,000



Minneapolis, June 4 (RHC)-- More than 10,000 people have been arrested in protests across the United States, according to an Associated Press tally of known arrests.

Officials of the Donald Trump administration have claimed that those protesting are from "out-of-town" -- even though statistics contradict the allegation. In a nearly 24-hour period from Saturday night to Sunday afternoon, 41 of the 52 people cited with protest-related arrests in Minneapolis had Minnesota driver's licenses, according to the Hennepin County sheriff. In the nation's capital, 86 percent of the more than 400 people arrested as of Wednesday afternoon were from Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia.

In Los Angeles, an online fundraising campaign has gathered \$2 million so far to help more than 3,000 people arrested in demonstrations since Floyd died on May 25 in Minneapolis. Los Angeles Chief Michel Moore told the city's Police Commission the bulk of the arrests, about 2,500, were for failure to disperse or curfew violations. The rest were for crimes including burglary, looting, assaults on police officers and other violence, Moore told the panel, which functions as the police department's civilian oversight board.

The only other U.S. city with an arrest toll that comes close to Los Angeles' is New York, with about 2,000, according to AP's tally. The AP tally didn't take into account any additional arrests still unreported from Wednesday evening.

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