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Washington, July 2 (RHC)-- Outside the U.S. Supreme Court, police arrested more than 180 reproductive rights protesters as they peacefully blocked an intersection in a massive show of nonviolent civil

disobedience.

The protest took place just six days after the court's conservative majority voted 6 to 3 to strike down Roe v. Wade. Among those arrested were Rev. William Barber, co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign, Planned Parenthood CEO Alexis McGill Johnson and Democratic U.S. Congressman Judy Chu of California.

Melanie D'Arrigo, a progressive Democrat running for Congress in Long Island, New York, said after her arrest: "I was let go after a couple of hours -- but for millions of people in states where abortion, a critical health procedure, is now criminalized, their arrests will be far longer and far more severe."

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