

Thousands of Portland protesters hold die-in to protest George Floyd's killing



Portland, June 4 (RHC)-- In the U.S. state of Oregon, an estimated 10,000 people filled Burnside Bridge in Portland Tuesday, laying face down on the pavement for nine minutes .. the length of time George Floyd was pinned beneath the three Minneapolis police officers who killed him on May 25th.

Later Tuesday, police unleashed volleys of tear gas, flash grenades and pepper spray at protesters who were marching on the downtown jail and police precinct.

In Los Angeles, where nearly 3,000 protesters have been arrested since Friday, UCLA issued a statement Tuesday saying it would no longer allow police to use its college baseball stadium as a "field jail." The Jackie Robinson Stadium is named after Major League Baseball's first African American player.

Other protesters have been processed in L.A. County's jail system, which on Sunday reported its first death from the coronavirus — a 47-year-old prisoner whose name has not been released. Nearly 300 employees and 2,000 prisoners have tested positive for COVID-19 in L.A. jails since the pandemic began.

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