

New York judge rules protesters can be jailed over 24 hours



New York, June 5 (RHC)-- Massive protests against racism and police brutality continued in cities across the United States for a 10th straight day, with more demonstrations planned throughout the weekend.

In New York City, police used clubs to beat back crowds of peaceful protesters as they marched in the Bronx past an 8 p.m. curfew. The NYPD says it arrested 170 protesters citywide. They face the prospect of a lengthy stay in crowded and unsanitary jails, after a Manhattan judge ruled the city could hold protesters beyond the state-mandated limit of 24 hours from arrest to arraignment.

Meanwhile, more than 10,000 people packed a downtown Brooklyn plaza as Terrence Floyd led a memorial service for his older brother George Floyd. The crowd erupted in boos and jeers as Mayor Bill de Blasio took the microphone. Shouts of: "De Blasio, go home! De Blasio, go home!" filled the air.

As Mayor de Blasio left the stage, many of the protesters turned their backs and chanted for him to resign. Speaking a short time later, New York City Public Advocate Jumaane Williams called on the mayor to address protesters' "pain and anger" rather than responding with more police and curfews.



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