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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Live in Paris; France on Fire]

ROBIN ROBERTS: France on fire. The country rocked as anti-government protests turned violent. People looting, a government building burning, and thousands arrested. We are live in Paris.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Violent Protests Erupt Across France]

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: Now to the protests and riots rocking France, more people in the streets overnight after a weekend that saw looting, government buildings burning, and police cracking down on protesters. Foreign correspondent Tom Soufi Burridge has the story

TOM SOUFI BURRIDGE: George, take a look. You can see how mass [inaudible] just broke into this bar. They set it on fire. We've just seen the owner. She had been badly beaten up in the face. And just meters down there, a sports store had 80 to 90 percent of its stock looted. These scenes repeated again and again. In one French city, rioters torching the historic town hall building, the spire engulfed in flames, collapsing. The protest Saturday involving hundreds of thousands of people, were supposed to be about the cost of living, and the state of France's public services, but the situation quickly spiraled out of control in multiple French cities. masked groups attacking police, smashing up buildings, burning buildings, and rioters forcing their way into stores, and rooting was widespread. It was, at times, and, in places, the sense of anarchy as the police lost control. About 2,500 people arrested across the country, around 1,000 police officers injured. And guys, this morning, a peaceful protest is blocking the entrance to the Louvre Museum — sorry about the sirens here in central Paris — and we just had news from the government. They are saying that, tonight, there will be partial curfews in certain French cities, Robin.

ROBERTS: Such a chaotic situation there, as we can hear and see. Thank you, Tom. Please stay safe.