

*ABC's World News Tonight with Linsey Davis*

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Fiery Protests Erupt]

LINSEY DAVIS: Atlanta erupts in violence. Windows smashed. A police car set on fire. How a deadly police shooting turned into days of unrest. The mayor and police chief blame the latest violence on protesters from out of town.

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DAVIS: Next tonight, a chaotic scene overnight in Atlanta. At least six people were arrested when fiery protests erupted. Protesters set at least one police car on fire. The demonstrators are protesting the building of a large police training facility outside of the city and the death of a protester last week. Local officials and the state's governor are condemning the violence. ABC's Elwyn Lopez from Atlanta tonight.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Developing Now; Fiery Protests Erupt; Violent Protests in Atlanta Over Killing of Activist]

ELWYN LOPEZ: Chaos erupting across downtown Atlanta and tonight, six people in police custody after law enforcement officials say a handful of rioters wreaked havoc, smashing windows and setting ablaze this cruiser.

ATLANTA POLICE CHIEF DARIN SCHIERBAUM: It doesn't take a rocket scientist or an attorney to tell you that breaking windows and setting fire is not protest. That is terrorism.

[PROTESTERS CHANTING]

LOPEZ: Hundreds of demonstrators poured into the streets. Most of them peacefully protesting the killing of an environmental activist and plans to build a new police training center opponents have dubbed cop city. Then authorities say a group wearing masks grew violent, throwing rocks — [EXPLOSIONS] — setting off fireworks, and damaging at least three businesses.

ATLANTA MAYOR ANDRE DICKENS (D): We continue to protect the right of peacefully protest. We will not tolerate violence or property destruction.

LOPEZ: This just days after authorities shot and killed a 26-year-old activist while clearing the

85 acres of city-owned land where that training facility is set to be built. Officials say the activist shot at officers first, but other activists are disputing that. One state trooper was shot but survived. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation says no body camera footage of the incident exists. Environmental activists have occupied that site for months, attempting to halt construction. And, Linsey, authorities telling us that the vast majority of those arrested are from out of state. Only one of them is from Georgia. Linsey.

DAVIS: Elwyn, thank you.