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Six Days of Civil Unrest, Protests, and

Violence Continues Following George Floyd Death Last Monday

On this Monday, we see our nation embroiled in civil unrest since George Floyd was killed in police custody in Minneapolis on Memorial Day last Monday.

What began in Minneapolis as a peaceful protest resulted in escalations and clashes between protestors and law enforcement officers.

Demonstrations spread rapidly, as did violence and destruction and deaths and injury.

At least 13 states and the District of Columbia have activated the National Guard. 25 cities in 16 states have imposed curfews over the past six days, since Wednesday.

Protests erupted in 140 cities. That is more demonstrations and civil unrest in more cities since 1968, which then totaled 100, following the assassination of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It's coast to coast, northwest, southwest, midwest, northeast, Mid-Atlantic, southeast – in every region of the nation.

Reports indicate 4,400 people were arrested.

In Washington, DC, in Lafayette Square, very close to our Conference of Mayors headquarters, on Friday night, President Donald Trump was rushed to a White House bunker and according to the Secret Service, 60 of its officers sustained multiple injuries from projectiles such as bricks, rocks, bottles, bottles of bodily fluids, fireworks, and other items. 11 agents were transported to a hospital.

The demonstrations continue as District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser sets another curfew for this evening.

Today, President Trump gave the nation's governors a strongly-toned talk. He says governors should be "strongly looking for arrests". He said they have to "dominate" and he accused governors as looking like 'jerks".

he says "if you don't dominate your city or your state, the protestors will run over you." He says there will be a stronger show of force here in DC over the next day.

He says Minneapolis was a "laughing stock". "The whole world was laughing," said the President.

"New York is going to have to toughen up – what's going on is terrible."

Attorney General William Barr said we have to control the streets.

President Trump says the problems are looking for "weak spots" and that if the cities don't "dominate", they will be overrun.

17,000 National Guardsmen and Guardswomen have been called. Trump says he's shocked that Los Angeles hasn't called the guard up and that they look like "fools". He's telling the governors they have troops ready to go.

This is a most challenging time for American cities. As we struggle with the coronavirus infections, increasing in some cities, we now have thousands in our streets, some peaceful and some determined to hurt and injure our police officers. And some are involved in ransacking, open stealing in broad daylight.

Conference President Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan Barnett on Saturday held a joint conference call with the Major Cities Chiefs Association, which included cities affected by the civil unrest. Mayors and police chiefs were very interactive among themselves on the call.

Conference President Barnett indicated today that there will be more joint endeavors during this period with our Advisor, former Police Chief Charles Ramsey and Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo, President of the Major Cities Chiefs Association.

Here's a Fact.

In April 1968, following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the United States experienced its greatest wave of civic unrest since the Civil War.

Approximately 3,500 people were injured, 43 were killed, and 27,000 people were arrested.

In some cases, the National Guard was in cities after the unrest ceased. For example, the occupation of Wilmington, Delaware was the longest military occupation of an American city in modern history, lasting a full year.

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