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City of Oakland Provides Update on Overnight Demonstrations Associated with "General Strike"

Oakland, CA—After a long day of primarily peaceful demonstrations with nearly 7,000 people and a few incidents of vandalism, Oakland Police responded to a late night call that protesters had broken into and occupied a downtown building and set several simultaneous fires. The protesters began hurling rocks, explosives, bottles, and flaming objects at responding officers. Several private and municipal buildings sustained heavy vandalism. Dozens of protesters wielding shields were surrounded and arrested.

At 11:55pm, the Oakland Police Department issued its first order to the crowd to clear the area around the occupied building on 16th Street. Following repeated orders for the crowd to disperse with continued assaults by rocks, lit flares, roman candles, and bottles, the order was given to deploy tear gas and bean bags at approximately 12:10am.

The operation was carried out without disturbing the main group of peaceful protesters who remained in the City's Plaza with musicians entertaining in a nearby street.

The City of Oakland and the Oakland Police Department kept a low profile throughout the day.

As of 2:10am, the building on 16th Street has been cleared of protesters. Crews from the City of Oakland's Public Works Agency are in route to board up the building and other damaged buildings in the Civic Center.

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