# London protests escalate with violence, arrests and political figures involved



Commander Adam Slonecki, responsible for policing London over the recent weekend, reported that around 500 protesters were present in key areas, though most had since dispersed. He indicated that further arrests could be made if necessary to manage any disorder arising from the demonstrations, which increasingly threaten the safety and stability of our capital.

The policing operation responded notably to a large pro-Palestinian protest organised by the Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC). Originally intended as a static rally in Whitehall, the protest quickly escalated when thousands of demonstrators marched towards Trafalgar Square, deliberately breaching announced conditions designed to maintain order. Among those participating were former Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn and ex-shadow chancellor John McDonnell—figures whose support for such disruptive protests undermines national security and public confidence. Police recorded over 70 arrests related to breaches during this demonstration, the highest since October 2023 across over 20 PSC protests. Commander Slonecki’s comments about the rise in arrests merely highlight how unchecked these protests have become, revealing a failure of authorities to curb escalating disorder.

Further chaos unfolded in West London, where masked protesters attempted to storm a migrant hotel, under the guise of nationalistic sentiments. This protest, carried out under the banner 'Raise The Colours,' began near Heathrow Airport and culminated at the Crowne Plaza in Stockley Road, West Drayton. The demonstrators attempted to force entry through security barriers—an act of outright vandalism and intimidation. The Metropolitan Police responded with Section 35 dispersal orders, demonstrating their readiness to use force to prevent further disorder. Such protests are fuelled by the government’s legal victory over asylum seekers' relocation, which has stirred hostility among groups seeking to exploit legitimate concerns for violent protests.

Additionally, scenes of violence outside Westminster during a supposed demonstration in defence of British heritage expose the dangerous escalation of public disorder. Protesters hurled bottles, set off fireworks, and threatened journalists—an attack on our democracy itself. A man was even caught kicking a police officer to the ground amidst these chaos-filled scenes. Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer’s criticism of the violence, while necessary, does little to hide the fact that the opposition’s silence on the broader issues of law and order emboldens these troublemakers. It is clear that London’s streets are increasingly being exploited by radicals whose aim is to undermine national authority.

Overall, this weekend’s events underscore the serious challenges our police face in maintaining order amidst a politicised environment rife with agitation, illegal protests, and violence. Authorities must act decisively—before the chaos becomes the norm, and the safety of citizens is further compromised. The safety of our capital should not be sacrificed on the altar of political correctness or distorted protest rights. It is time for a tougher stance to restore law and order.

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