

Atlanta ‘Cop City’: Arrests as protesters clash with police

Protesters clashed with police in Atlanta at the site of a training centre which opponents say will fuel police militarisation and also uses valuable forest land.

Hundreds of people atte

After the clashes began, police locked down the area and a Swat team was in attendance.

Police said the group of protesters had used the peaceful demonstration as cover to “conduct a coordinated attack on construction equipment and police officers”.

Several pieces of construction equipment were destroyed, the statement said.

“The illegal actions of the agitators could have resulted in bodily harm. Officers exercised restraint and used non-lethal enforcement to conduct arrests,” it added.

Opponents say the site is a vital green space for the city and describe it as the “lungs of Atlanta”.

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