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Thousands of people protest against racism in Spain

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Thousands of people took to the streets of Spain's main cities on Saturday to protest against racism, following the Afro-American George Floyd's murder in the US, on May 25.

Floyd's death, suffocated by a white police officer having pressed his knee to the victim's neck in Minneapolis, stirred the United States and unleashed a wave of outrage across the world.

In Madrid, protesters gathered in front of the US embassy and then walked down the central Serrano street with banners such as 'For peace and diversity,' 'Discrimination to exploit more' or 'Silence is also oppression.'

In the face of the Covid-19 pandemic, the government authorized a 200-people mobilization but the call of the Black African and Afro-

descendant Community in Spain (CNAAE) exceeded expectations as happened in other European cities.

Despite the fact that the arrangers asked to keep the safety distance due to the likely spread of the novel coronavirus, the huge crowd thwarted so in the massive demonstration and later in the march.

'No person is illegal,' 'Papers for all,' 'Racists in our neighborhoods out,' 'Donald Trump is a criminal' or 'Enough of police violence' were some of the slogans chanted by protesters during the journey through downtown Madrid.

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