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African Union condemns killing of George Floyd

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The killing of George Floyd in the city of Minneapolis on May the 25th has reverberated across the world. Mr Floyd, a handcuffed black man, died after a police officer knelt on his neck for over eight minutes, even after he was pleading for air and

then stopped moving. Days of rioting, looting and clashes with police followed as citizens vented their anger over the killing. The protests have escalated across America's major cities. There have also been protests outside U.S. embassies across the world. The killing of Mr Floyd led the African Union Commission to take the unprecedented step of condemning what it called "murder" and the "continuing discriminatory practices against black citizens".

Many U.S. embassies in Africa have taken the unusual step of issuing critical statements. The news publication "Foreign Policy" wrote: "Several U.S. diplomats said it is rare for U.S. embassies abroad to weigh in on domestic U.S. issues. But in this case, the embassies were compelled to respond after seeing how African leaders reacted to Floyd's with dismay." anger and The ambassador to Congo wrote: "I am profoundly troubled by the tragic death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. The Justice Department is conducting a full criminal investigation as a top priority. Security forces around the world should be held accountable. No one is above the law."

Sources

abcnews.go.com / foreignpolicy.com / the-star.co.ke

Writing

It is true that no one in the world is above the law. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

city / handcuffed / police / pleading / rioting / looting / protests / unprecedented / embassies / Africa / news / publication / domestic / anger / dismay / investigation

True / False

- a) George Floyd was in handcuffs when he died.T / F
- b) The killing of George Floyd resulted in days of looting. T / F
- c) There have been protests outside U.S. embassies in the USA. T / F
- d) The African Union described the killing as "murder". T / F
- e) The article says African embassies in the U.S. have been very critical. T / F
- f) It is rare for U.S. embassies to comment on domestic issues. T / F
- g) The U.S. ambassador to Chad said he was angry and dismayed. T / F
- h) A U.S. ambassador said no one was above the law. T / ${\sf F}$

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

1. reverberated

a. releasing

2. pleading

b. prejudicial

3. escalated

c. begging

d.

4. unprecedented

discriminatory

e. unheard of

responsible

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5.

f. carrying out

6. issuing

g. echoed

7. compelled

h. intensely

8. conducting

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9. profoundly

i. increased

10. accountable

i. forced

Discussion - Student A

- a) What news have you seen of this story?
- b) What three adjectives best describe this story?
- c) What should happen to the police officer?
- d) What can the police do to rectify this situation?
- e) What are police officers like in your country?
- f) What would make you protest?
- g) What do you think of the African Union's comments?
- h) What advice do you have for the protestors?

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Phrase Match

- 1. reverberated across
- 2. Days of rioting, looting
- 3. protests have
- 4. take the unprecedented
- 5. the continuing discriminatory practices
- 6. weigh in
- 7. reacted to Floyd's death with
- 8. profoundly troubled
- 9. a full criminal investigation as
- 10. No one is above

Discussion - Student B

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) Should embassies be critical of what happens in their country?
- c) How do you think the criminal investigation will go?
- d) How will George Floyd's killing affect society in the USA?
- e) What do you know about the Black Lives Matter movement??
- f) What is the best way of honoring George Floyd's death?
- g) Do you see people being above the law in today's world?
- h) What questions would you like to ask the protestors?

Spelling

- 1. vrrbreeaeetd across the world
- 2. a anchfudfed black man
- 3. he was epdaling for air
- 4. The protests have <u>clasaeetd</u>
- outside U.S. sbaesimes
- 6. scidnmiaiotrry practices
- 7. issuing icitrcal statements
- 8. Several U.S. polimdtas
- 9. weigh in on smdeotic U.S. issues
- 10. compelled to onpsred
- 11. I am opfrodynlu troubled
- 12. should be held aceotbncual

Answers - Synonym Match

1. g	2. c	3. i	4. e	5. b
6. a	7. j	8. f	9. h	10. d

- a. escalated
- b. anger and dismay
- c. against black citizens
- d. by the tragic death
- e. a top priority
- f. the world
- a. the law
- h. step
- . on domestic U.S. issues
- j. and clashes

Role Play

Role A - Increased Tax

You think increased tax is the biggest reason to protest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't a good reason to protest. Also, tell the others which is the worst reason of these to protest (and why): government corruption, immigration or global warming.

Role B - Government Corruption

You think government corruption is the biggest reason to protest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't a good reason to protest. Also, tell the others which is the worst reason of these to protest (and why): increased tax, immigration or global warming.

Role C – Immigration

You think immigration is the biggest reason to protest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't a good reason to protest. Also, tell the others which is the worst reason of these to protest (and why): government corruption, increased tax or global warming.

Role D - Global Warming

You think global warming is the biggest reason to protest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't a good reason to protest. Also, tell the others which is the worst reason of these to protest (and why): government corruption, immigration or increased tax.

Speaking - Protests

Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things to protest against at the top. Change partners often and share your ideas.

- taxes
- corruption
- war

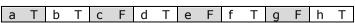
equality

- immigration
- global warming

democracy

Answers – True False

equal rights



Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.