

Bible, American Flag Burned as Portland Tensions Escalate

Race-focused riots in Portland, Oregon reached a new low early in the morning on Aug. 1 when protesters burned an American flag and a Bible, according to the *New York Post*.

For more than 60 days, Black Lives Matter demonstrators and others have drawn national attention in the city in protests that began after the death of George Floyd, a Black man in Minnesota who died in police custody.

reports that Friday-night demonstrations were largely peaceful and continued “without the presence of police or federal officers.” But then the atmosphere changed:

“Around 12:30 a.m. people began starting a fire in the street in front of the federal courthouse, which started with burning a Bible, then an American flag, until more and more items were added. Finally around 1 a.m., yellow-clad members of the group Moms United for Black Lives Matter went over to the fire and put it out with bottles of water and stamped it out.”

A Saturday, Aug. 2, Twitter post captured the Bible and flag burning on video. Ian Miles Cheong captioned the video, “Left-wing activists bring a stack of Bibles to burn in front of the federal courthouse in Portland.”

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– Ian Miles Cheong (@stillgray) August 1, 2020