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MILAN-ANTI EXPO MARCH RUINS OPENING OF WORLD FAIR

ACTIVISTS PROTEST LACK OF JOBS

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USPA NEWS - An undisclosed number of protesters who were caught damaging property and setting cars on fire during an anti Expo march in Milan have been arrested, police sources said Friday.

Meanwhile the Labor Day march ended and organizers urged participants to disperse, as Milan shopkeepers and bar owners took to the streets and began sweeping broken glass and picking up trash after the devastation caused by violent elements who joined the No Expo march.
Black Block anti-globalization protesters set fire to a BNL bank branch during a May Day march in Milan Friday. The protesters threw Molotov cocktails and paper bombs at police, who responded with tear gas.

Mayor Giuliano Pisapia said Friday violent protesters will be punished. "We must isolate, identify and punish the criminals who are devastating Milan," he said. "We fully support law enforcement as they face an urban guerrilla set off by violent imbeciles, who must end up in prison," tweeted Lombardy Governor Roberto Maroni.
Demonstrators began congregating in the centre of Italy's business capital earlier in the day in readiness for a big 'No Expo' protest march. Milan police authorised the march to go ahead but banned it from the Piazza Duomo cathedral square and the vicinity of Largo Cairoli, where the Expo entrance is located.

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