

Students hold anti-French riots in Chad

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N'DJAMENA, Chad - Thousands of students went on a rock-throwing rampage in Chad's capital Wednesday, demanding six French aid workers be tried there for kidnapping children. Tension has been heightening almost daily between Chad and France over the incident involving six employees of the Zoe's Ark charity who were arrested Oct. 25 as they were about to fly 103 children to France. French President Nicolas Sarkozy said he wanted to travel to N'djamena to bring the suspects home for trial, which set off the anti-French demonstrations, a BBC correspondent reported. The students peppered cars carrying white people and diplomats with rocks as police responded with tear gas. There was no immediate report of injuries. In Chad, the parents of some of the 103 children told the BBC they were promised the children would be educated locally, and said they never gave permission for them to leave the country.

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