

Occupy Oakland Protesters Defiantly Set Up New Tent City

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OAKLAND, California - Anti-Wall Street protesters took over a vacant lot and adjacent park in downtown Oakland on Saturday and erected a tent camp to replace one torn down by police, setting the stage for a potential showdown.

Protesters marched to the lot and tore down a chain-link fence before pitching tents as a light rain started. Police on the scene did not immediately intervene, and the camp later expanded into an adjacent public park.

"Occupy Oakland has a new home at 19th and Telegraph," organizers said in a message to supporters, adding there would be a big "housewarming" party.

The move appeared to be a direct challenge to Oakland police who less than a week ago forcibly dismantled a similar protest camp nearby, and risked igniting a confrontation.

Previous unrest surrounding protests in Oakland, a West Coast Occupy hot spot, has helped rally support nationwide for the Occupy Wall Street movement launched in New York in September to protest economic inequality and excesses of the financial system.

The lot and adjacent park are in a rapidly gentrifying area, and protesters said establishing a camp there would be a symbolic move in a city they complained looked out most "for the interests of big business and developers" over ordinary residents.

Oakland police had said they had a "non-confrontational strategy" for preventing a new campsite from being established, but did not elaborate.

"While peaceful forms of expression and freedom of speech will be facilitated, acts of violence, property destruction and overnight lodging will not be tolerated," police spokeswoman Johnna Watson said in a statement.

Police on Nov 12 evicted protesters from their camp in Frank Ogawa Plaza after weeks of indecision over how to deal with the protests, spurred to act after a fatal shooting nearby fueled pressure on the city to close the camp down.

"I support the First Amendment of the US Constitution and I am a passionate supporter of freedom of speech. However, camping on city property—whether it is in a park or in open space—is illegal and won't be allowed," Mayor Jean Quan said in a statement on Friday.



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Occupy Oakland protester Melvin Kelley holds up a sign in a vacant lot the group took over, in Oakland, California, on Saturday.

An earlier attempt to remove the camp in October had sparked clashes between protesters and police that wounded a former US Marine and evolved into one of the most violent episodes linked to the Occupy movement.

The Oakland protesters also announced plans to shut down all West Coast ports on December 12, cooperating with protesters in Los Angeles. The Oakland group had briefly forced the northern California city's port to close earlier this month.

As a cold, wet night enveloped the new camp on Saturday, a few

hundred protesters took shelter under a canopy of blue tarps and huddled in about 25 tents as police watched from a distance.

One man, pushing a shopping cart, passed out rocks and sticks "just in case" as organizers pleaded for protesters to stay and "defend" the encampment.

"I think it's important to be able to show an ongoing presence. It's to show our physical numbers. It makes a visual statement," said Thandiwe Satterwhite, a Berkeley music teacher who carried a placard saying "Do Not Disturb Occupants."



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November 21st, 2011
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RURAL ROADS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
CW PACKAGE A - IMPROVE 6 ROADS 210.7km (EDCF Loan No. KHM-11)



1. The Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) has applied for (or where appropriate, "has applied for") a Loan from the Export-Import Bank of Korea from the resources of the Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) of the Republic of Korea in the amount of 21 Million USD toward the cost of Rural Road Improvement Project, and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for CW Package A. This Contract, CW A.B & C, will be jointly financed by ADB. Bidding will be governed by the Export-Import Bank of Korea's eligible rules and procedures.
2. The Project Executing Agency (MRD) now invites sealed bids from eligible General Contractors from Korea for Civil Works within duration of 24 months for Package A of the Rural Road Improvement Project consist of 6 rural roads in total 210.7 km located at three provinces: Kampong Cham, Kampong Thom and Siem Reap. The works to be carried out in the Project site are as follows:
 - Improvement of rural road, generally on the current alignment, unless otherwise indicated, by construction of embankment and DBST Pavement;
 - Raising of the road level in areas subject to frequent flooding;
 - Improvement/New construction of existing bridges after investigation of current condition;
 - Improvement/New construction of structures for drainage system (culverts);
 - Soil Investigation for bridge foundation and new bridge construction;
 - Plan and Execute Civil Works at Site respect to the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) under supervision of the Engineer.
3. Bidding will be conducted through Limited Competitive Bidding (LCB) a procedure specified in the Guideline for Procurement under EDCF Loans, and is open to all eligible bidders that meet the following minimum qualification criteria. The bidders shall be Korean national and experienced with road construction in similar environment as Employer's.
4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Ministry of Rural Development and inspect the bidding documents at the address below from 08:00 to 17:00 hrs.
5. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of 300 USD. The method of payment will be in cash. The document will be available to pick up only at the office stipulated in BDS during the working hours (8:00-12:00 & 14:00-17:00) from Monday to Friday except public holidays.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before December 12th, 2011 at 10:00 am. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of 380,000USD. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidder's representatives who choose to attend at the address below at 10:30pm on the same day thereafter in the presence of bidder's representatives.
7. The Ministry of Rural Development will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of Bids.

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