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# 21 ARRESTS IN AIDS PROTEST

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June 1, 2006 -- Hundreds of AIDS activists marched through Manhattan yesterday to demand world leaders fight harder against the disease - and cops busted 21 protesters who chained themselves together at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations.

Police needed chain cutters to separate the protesters, who tried to deliver a letter to U.N. Ambassador John Bolton outlining their demand that the Bush administration fight AIDS with science rather than religious ideology.

They said infection rates have doubled in Uganda, a country previously touted as leading the fight against AIDS, because the White House has cut funding to programs that provide condoms to help stop the spread of the disease.



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