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## Police in brutal raid on G8 protesters' press centre

GENOA, Italy, July 22 (AFP) -

Italian police conducted a brutal lightning raid on the press centre of the anti-globalisation movement Genoa Social Forum early Sunday, AFP journalists reported.

The raid began shortly after midnight and ended just before 2 am (0000 GMT).

Yelling, the police smashed open the door and barged into the building on the via Cesare Battisti where there were around 50 people inside.

As people threw themselves on the ground they were kicked and clubbed by the police. Around 40 were injured in the raid, according to the Forum, a figure that was disputed by Genoa police.

Afterwards there was blood all over the place. One injured man with a huge bruise on his cheek said young policemen continued to club and kick people on the ground even when an officer shouted at them to stop.

The police were looking for film and photographs in the possession of the organizers of the anti-G8 demonstrations which degenerated into violence Friday and Saturday, resulting in one death and many wounded in clashes with security forces, the GSF said.

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