

Rioters Burn Cars in Azerbaijan, Several People Hurt

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BAKU — Hundreds of protesters surrounded a regional governor's residence in northwestern Azerbaijan on Thursday to demand his resignation after a night of rioting in which cars and buildings were set ablaze.

Police said several protesters and several police officers had been injured in the town of Ismaili, about 200 kilometers northwest of the capital, Baku, after the rioting began following an incident involving a car.

The police said they had been forced to bring in reinforcements to help restore order after the protesters started throwing stones at them.

It was not immediately clear how bad the damage was from the rioting or whether the protesters had demands other than the governor's resignation.

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