

Russia Today Reporters Detained in U.S.

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A reporter and cameraman for the English-language Russia Today television channel spent 32 hours in custody after being detained during an unsanctioned rally at the Fort Benning military base in the state of Georgia, RIA-Novosti reported Monday.

Kaelyn Forde and Jon Conway were covering an annual protest staged by activists hoping to close the School of the Americas, a U.S. military center accused of training Latin American police and military personnel to torture and kill.

Forde and Conway were detained along with about two dozen protesters when police swooped in on the gathering illegally blocking a road.

The reporters were fined and released after pleading guilty to participating in a banned public event, RIA-Novosti said. A check into possible charges of disobeying police orders was ongoing.

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