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Unrest Spreads to Central Paris and Outskirts of More Cities

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PARIS, Nov. 6 – Scattered nighttime rioting around French public housing developments continued early today, spreading to central Paris and the outskirts of more cities, leaving the authorities frustrated by an inability to stop what many are calling France's worst civil unrest since the 1968 student revolts.

The French news media reported this afternoon that President Jacques Chirac had summoned Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin and the ministers of defense, justice, economy and the interior for a 6 p.m. meeting. On Saturday, Prime Minister de Villepin met with eight of his ministers and a top Muslim official in an effort to find a way to break the chain of violent events.

But the violence continued, with two schools destroyed in the Essonne region south of Paris and more cars going up in flames. More than 1,000 vehicles and many buildings have been destroyed in the disorder that began Oct. 27, with nearly 900 vehicles reported burned Friday night alone, although the violence seemed to be lessening by Sunday morning.

Early today, local news media reported that a few cars had been damaged by small firebombs near the Place de la Republique, in a neighborhood in central Paris. It was the first report of violence linked to the disturbances so close to the heart of the French capital.

In Evry, a southern Parisian suburb, The Associated Press reported that the authorities had found 150 explosive devices in what was described as a de facto firebomb-making factory. A senior Justice Ministry official, Jean-Marie Huet, said today that more than 100 bottles, as well as gallons of fuel and hoods for hiding rioters' faces, had been found in the rundown building.

Most of the unrest remained confined to immigrant neighborhoods surrounding Paris, where about 100 people were evacuated Friday night from two apartment blocks after an arson attack set dozens of cars

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alight in an underground garage. Rampaging youths have also attacked property in the southern cities of Toulouse and Nice, and in Lille and Rennes to the north.

Hundreds of young people, including teenagers as young as 13, have been detained in the past 24 hours. Although the police have been unable to stop the violence because of its apparent spontaneity and lack of clear leaders, officials say they have also begun to detect efforts to coordinate action and spread it nationally. In remarks on Europe 1 Radio, the prosecutor general in Paris, Yves Bot, said Web sites were