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declared a riot in downtown Portland Wednesday night as protests turned violent and votes in  
the general election continued to be counted a day after Election Day. <br> <br>Governor  
Kate Brown deployed the Oregon National Guard, which had been placed on standby before  
the election to respond in the event demonstrations devolved into violence. Guard members  
were deployed to assist local authorities in ♦the interest of public safety, ♦ the governor said.  
<br> <br>Demonstrators vandalized businesses and threw objects at police, including one  
man who was arrested with a rifle, several magazines of ammunition, commercial grade  
fireworks, a knife, and spray-paint cans, according to police. <br> <br>At least eleven  
individuals were arrested in connection to the riots Wednesday night. <br> <br>The governor  
on Wednesday also extended an executive order establishing a unified police command of  
Oregon State Police and the Multnomah County Sheriff♦s Office to handle potential violence in  
the wake of the election. The order was originally set to expire Wednesday evening, but Brown  
extended the joint command to continue through Friday. <br> <br>Any ♦political violence,  
intimidation and property destruction will not be tolerated, ♦ the Democratic governor warned.  
<br> <br>Two groups of protesters, one a ♦Defend Democracy♦ march that passed the  
Multnomah County elections office, and another protest group that was seen smashing windows  
of businesses met up in the evening. <br> <br> <br> <br> <br> <br> <br>  
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