

Farce of Olympic torch run

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Grapple: It takes four officers to tackle one protester outside Downing Street

It was supposed to be a day to celebrate the Olympic ideal.

Instead, skirmishes between police and protesters turned the epic journey of the Games torch through London into a embarrassing farce.

At least 36 people were arrested as campaigners tried to disrupt the torch's progress. Two protesters were held for trying to put out the flame with a fire extinguisher.