



City Property employees swept up rubbish dumped by protesters in Tshwane on Friday.

Private firm cleans filthy streets

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A GROUP of former Vat Alles employees trashed the Tshwane CBD on Friday.

During a protest, they turned over rubbish bins and threw waste in the streets, disrupting traffic and leaving motorists stranded.

The protesters were apparently supposed to march to Tshwane House to deliver a memorandum but they never arrived.

They were angry because their contracts ended in December when the city formed a new programme, Gata le Nna. Vat Alles fell under the Expanded Public Works programme.

The marchers said they refused to be tossed away and wanted to be employed by the new programme.

Five marchers were arrested by the Pretoria Central Police Station for public violence.

Police spokeswoman Captain Augustinah Selepe said the people who were arrested were seen tipping over rubbish bins during the march.

City of Tshwane spokesman Selby Bokaba said he didn't think civilised people would express their grievances in such a fashion.

"This is barbaric, stupid and uncivilised behaviour."

Bokaba took to Twitter to tell resi-

dents not to be surprised to see the city was filthy.

He wrote: "A group of 'civilised people' allegedly associated with Vat Alles trashed the capital's CBD by upturning rubbish bins and strewing rubbish on the streets."

The rubbish was eventually cleaned up by a private company called City Property.

Company spokeswoman Lize Nel said they were proud to operate in the inner city and decided to play their part by cleaning up the streets.

"We understand the importance of living, working and playing in a city that is clean and safe."