

# *Protests continue in Colombia against tax reform*



**??Organizations and social movements continue protests in Colombia as part of a National Strike?**

Bogotá, May 1 (RHC)-- Organizations and social movements continue protests in Colombia as part of a National Strike declared last Wednesday throughout the country against the Tax Reform promoted by President Iván Duque.

For its part, Congreso de los pueblos from its official Twitter account denounced "the massacre carried out against the protesters in Cali by the police. We are facing a dictatorship," said the social movement.

"We request the solidarity of our brothers and sisters and the international community," the social organization stressed. It also said that the number of people killed and wounded has increased. The group also said that "7 dead and more than 50 wounded have been registered. This is a massacre," he said.

For its part, the Regional Indigenous Council of Cauca (CRIC) confirmed that in view of the national government's refusal to withdraw the tax reform bill, the department's indigenous people are declaring themselves in minga.

"Once again, the strength of the national indigenous movement, unites to shout to the government that it does not agree with its policies of physical and cultural extermination. The indigenous communities of Cauca are invited to join the great National Minga in rejection of the death policies of the national government," the CRIC said.

Also on the sovereignty trail, located on the borders between Arauca, Boyacá and Norte de Santander, in the Gibraltar sector, the interethnic, peasant and popular guard, together with the U'wa people, has an intermittent blockade point in the Cedeño sector.

The general secretary of the Federation of Community Boards of the Department of Arauca, Ariolfo Daza stated from the mobilization point in La Cabuya, that the objective of the strike "is national, not only local".

For his part, Colombian President Iván Duque announced through his Twitter account that he instructed the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit of the Government of Colombia "so that within the legislative process a new text is worked out with the Congress" of the tax reform, in the midst of the national strike that country is experiencing.

Iván Duque said that such document "should gather the consensus and allow to nurture valuable proposals presented by the parties and organizations", and specified to demobilize the population that "those who do not pay income tax today will not pay it."

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