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Bogota, May 21 (RHC)-- After 24 days of peaceful mobilizations in Colombia against the neo-liberal model, which have been severely repressed by the security forces, members of the National Strike Committee (CNP) stated this Friday that they will continue the mobilizations because there is still no agreement with the government of Iván Duque.

The president of the Central Unitaria de Trabajadores (CUT), Francisco Maltés, declared to local media that they will continue to dialogue with the government, but will not abandon the strikes and blockades.

Shortly before entering the meeting scheduled for this Friday with the government and delegates for the dialogue, the union leader expressed that there are "some points of coincidence (...) and we are going to see if we can develop them today."

At the same time, he said that they will mobilize in the near future to support "the motion of censure of the Minister of Defense, Diego Molano" and other demonstrations will be held on the 26th and later on the 28th, the month anniversary of the beginning of the protests, Maltés recalled.

He emphasized that they will not again "fall into the trap of giving in and standing up so that the commitments are not fulfilled, as they did last year, when the national government kept us sitting for a month and did not define anything," he stressed.

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