

New police excesses against mobilizations in Colombia denounced



Some 43 homicides, almost 1,500 cases of physical violence, 70 cases of ocular aggressions and 1,832 arbitrary detentions is the toll of police violence in Colombia. | Photo: Twitter: Movice

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Bogota, June 17 (RHC)-- The repressive actions of the Colombian Police during the National Strike, which began on April 28, have added new complaints against them, among them -- that of the councilwoman of the Bogotá mayor's office, Heidy Sánchez, who denounced that the communicator Diego Otavo was assaulted by members of that body.

According to Sanchez, the journalist was covering a social mobilization and works for the community media Noti Barrio Adentro, he had a slight cranioencephalic trauma, according to a medical certification.

There are also other complaints against the police in the city of Medellín, where a massive anti-government protest took place. There have also been allegations against the Mobile Anti-Riot Squad (Esmad) who allegedly attacked a fully identified medical mission during the demonstration.

The mobilizations against the government of Iván Duque continued during this week, despite the decision of the National Strike Committee to temporarily interrupt the periodic initiatives in the context of the protest initiated last April 28.

Last Monday, the National Strike Committee decided to temporarily interrupt the protest against the policies of President Iván Duque, although it agreed on a new plan of action. The human rights organization Temblores has compiled 4,285 cases of violence by the security forces, among them 43 homicides, almost 1,500 cases of physical violence, 70 cases of ocular aggressions and 1,832 arbitrary detentions.

The entity itself has announced for this day the presentation of a report entitled "The data behind police violence" which will address the details of state repression.

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