

Retirees and pensioners march for their rights in Uruguay

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Future pensions in Uruguay will be between 10 and 38 percent lower if the social security reform bill is approved. | Photo: @PITCNT1

Montevideo, November 12 (RHC)-- Organizations of retirees and pensioners in Uruguay demonstrated this Thursday in defense of the quality of life, and reiterated the need for an increase in retirement and pensions in the country.

The National Organization of Associations of Retired and Pensioners of Uruguay stated that the march was carried out in view of the loss of quality of life, purchasing power and other rights that are falling by the wayside. The Plenario Intersindical de Trabajadores - Convención Nacional de Trabajadores (PIT-CNT), for its part, stressed that in Uruguay "there is hunger, unemployment, loss of wages, loss of quality of life".

In this sense, he said that "the Government does not seem to have an integral vision of the needs of our people and out of ignorance not only reduces and readjusts our rights, but also attacks us." "All the retirees and pensioners of the three percent that we started to collect as of July of this year and that is going to be discounted in December, we are requesting that it really remains as an increase for 2023 as of January", indicated the PIT-CNT.

According to local platforms, future pensions in Uruguay will be between 10 and 38 percent lower if the Social Security Reform Bill proposed by the government of President Luis Lacalle Pou is approved. The PIT-CNT insisted that the Executive's policy is focused on favoring more privileged sectors. "It can be seen in the growth, record exports, record increase in prices of raw materials exported by Uruguay and financial deposits in local banks. None of this reaches the pockets of the people," he said.

The PIT-CNT called for a strike on Tuesday, November 15, against the pension reform and the model of inequality, in defense of rights and towards the III People's Congress.

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