

Peruvian police begin unblocking in the north as march advances towards Lima

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Demonstrators tried to resist the advance of the Police, but agents arrived with heavy machinery to clear about five kilometers of the Panamerican Highway of stones and burned tires. | Photo: Twitter @CCFFAA_PERU

Lima, January 17 (RHC)-- Demonstrators tried to resist the advance of the police, but the agents arrived with heavy machinery to clear five kilometers of the Pan-American Highway of stones and burned tires.

The Peruvian National Police (PNP) have begun the unblocking of several points on the roads in the north of the South American country, while the strike of organizations and social movements demanding the resignation of the appointed president, Dina Boluarte, celebrates its 13th day.

The measure was initiated after the president pronounced herself against the road blockades in several regions and affirmed that the demand for the closure of Congress and a Constituent Assembly is a pretext to continue taking roads and "to continue breaking the country's institutionality."

Boluarte also made a call for reflection to the demonstrators so that they stop the measures of force such as blocking highways or preventing the entry of trucks with basic resources. In an official act, the president announced this Tuesday, January 17, that she will not give in to blackmail and that in the next few hours the Peruvian National Police will unblock the highways in the interior of the country.

A contingent of the Police, supported by the Army, arrived in the province of Viru, in the region of La Libertad, to unblock the Panamericana Norte highway at the height of the district of Chao, where protesters had been blocking the passage of trucks, buses and private vehicles for the last few hours.

On the other hand, in the midst of the advance towards the capital, Lima, of the march called "de los 4 Suyos", groups from Arequipa, Cusco, Puno, Huancavelica and Ayacucho will also arrive to the capital in the coming days, in the context of the fulfillment of the results of the "First Macroregional Meeting of the South", held last December 28, where the march was announced.

With the death of the latest victim of repression, the total number of protests has risen to 50 in Peru since the mobilizations began last December 7, following the express dismissal of then-President Pedro Castillo.

Of this total, 22 deaths occurred in the last week, most of them last Monday, when 17 demonstrators were killed by the forces of law and order in the city of Juliaca, located in the southern region of Puno, bordering Bolivia.

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