

Peruvian workers call for National Strike against Boluarte



**Peruvian demonstrator with cellphone (R) records the police attacking a protester, Jan. 12, 2023.
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Lima, January 18 (RHC)-- Thousands of Peruvians who are marching from all regions of the country to Lima will join the general strike called by the General Confederation of Workers (CGTP).

They continue to demand the resignation of President Dina Boluarte, the immediate call for general elections, and the holding of a Constituent Assembly.

To prevent the Indigenous peoples, workers, farmers, and students from reaching the capital city, the regime's security forces are implementing preventive measures such as checking the entry of vehicles into Lima. This is happening, for example, at tolls booths on highways.

The Prosecutor's Office and the National Police are also verifying the entry of the dozens of buses from regions such as Puno, Cuzco, Apurimac, Ayacucho, and Arequipa.

Despite the unconstitutional restrictions on citizen mobility, the purpose of the people is to arrive in Lima and meet at 2 de Mayo Square starting at 4:00 p.m. local time.

On Monday, the Police also tried to prevent the National People's Assembly (ANP) from being held by surrounding the building where the workers were summoned. "The national strike will be carried out forcefully... They don't want this big strike to take place," CGTP Deputy Secretary Gustavo Minaya said, recalling that the protest is fueled by outrage over the deaths -- now totalling 50 -- caused by the violent repression of the Boluarte regime.

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