

Protests in Arequipa, Peru leave one dead and 10 wounded

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Groups of people participate in the march called the "taking of Lima" today, in Lima (Peru). | Photo: EFE/ Paolo Aguilar

Lima, January 20 (RHC)-- One person was killed and ten injured Thursday in the southern Peruvian city of Arequipa in clashes amid anti-government demonstrations, the Ombudsman's Office said on Twitter.

"Arequipa: We regret the death of a person during clashes on the Añashuayco bridge, a road located in the north of the city. We ask the Peruvian Prosecutor's Office for a prompt investigation of the facts to determine responsibilities," the entity said.

In the country's capital, Lima, thousands of people were protesting for the resignation of President Dina Boluarte and several clashes with the police were reported. Since December 10th, several social protests have been taking place in Peru by citizen groups and organizations, demanding the resignation of Boluarte, appointed after the Congress dismissed her predecessor, Pedro Castillo (2021-2022), as well as the immediate call for early elections.

Up until Wednesday afternoon, the Ombudsman's Office reported the death of 50 civilians in clashes with security forces, traffic accidents and blockades linked to the mobilizations, and one policeman who

reportedly died as a result of violence by demonstrators.

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