

Organizations demand release of detained students in Lima

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Lima, January 22 (RHC)-- A group of demonstrators mobilized over the weekend in the Peruvian capital to demand the release of around 200 students from the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos (UNMSM) who were detained during the police intervention at the school.

Peruvian media have reported that the demonstrators reached the headquarters of the Lima prefecture and the Directorate of Criminal Intelligence (Dirincri) where they were repressed by officers of the country's National Police.

Human rights organizations demanded the release of the detainees and denounced several violations of the students' integrity and rights by the police. The National Human Rights Coordinator (CNDDHH) pointed out that during the intervention at the UNMSM, a group of women were forced to undress, which represents an attack against their integrity.

They also denounced that four student leaders are being held at the Peruvian university. Several human rights organizations described the police operation as illegal and denounced that it was carried out without the presence of prosecutors and that defense lawyers were not allowed access to the detainees.

The detainees affirmed that they were taken to the Lima Police headquarters and other facilities under mistreatment. The Ombudsman's Office demanded the National Police to inform the public about the state of the detained students of the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos.

A group of students from the National University of San Agustín (UNSA) together with other citizens mobilized in the city of Arequipa against the intervention of the PNP in San Marcos University.

Peruvian media reported that groups of demonstrators left on Saturday from several regions of Peru to the Peruvian capital in support of the students detained during the police intervention at the university in the Peruvian capital.

Protests in Peru have not ceased since the dismissal of the then president, Pedro Castillo last December 7th, and more than 50 civilians are reported dead so far.

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