

Peruvian police repress demonstrators opposed to Dina Boluarte's government



Lima, January 29 (RHC)-- Police in Peru on Saturday repressed protesters who are demanding the resignation of President-designate Dina Boluarte and tried to reach the Congress headquarters.

Since the morning hours, thousands of people mobilized peacefully from the city of San Juan de Lurigancho and various points on the outskirts of Lima (capital) to the center of the city, when they collided with police units and were attacked.

Videos disseminated through social networks show uniformed officers and motorized vehicles on Abancay avenue shooting at the demonstrators, who are also demanding the closure of Congress, early elections, the call for a constituent assembly and the release of former president Pedro Castillo.

The agents used tear gas bombs. Several injuries were reported, as corroborated by images showing traces of blood of demonstrators who were taken to emergency services.

During this day, the demonstrators also rejected the decision of the Peruvian Congress the day before, when after a prolonged debate it rejected a project to bring forward the elections to October of this year.

This Saturday, the bodies of two community members were found in the facilities of the Anubi mining company, in the department of Apurimac, who died as a result of the repression perpetrated there on January 20 by the security forces.

Santos Rolando Hianquelagos and Wilman Chagua Oviedo came from the Chalhahuacho area, in the aforementioned department, and were reported missing since that date. In addition to Lima and the department of Puno, where demonstrations are registered every day, mobilizations were also reported this Saturday in Puerto Maldonado, department of Madre de Dios, in the southeast of the country.

There the demonstrators mobilized to the residence of the regional governor, Luis Otsuka, whom they urged not to meet with the national authorities and to represent the people, and he shot at them.

For its part, the Peruvian General Workers' Central called for mobilizations next Tuesday in the department of Arequipa, as well as in Puno and the cities of Andahuaylas and Abancay, located in Apurimac.

Up to 16H00 local time this Saturday, 82 points with interrupted traffic were reported in nine regions of the country and 15 national roads affected by the blockades carried out by demonstrators, according to information provided by the Superintendencia de Transporte Terrestre de Personas (Sutran).

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