

# *Peruvian police arrest hundreds of demonstrators in Lima*

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Lima, July 30 (RHC)-- Nearly one hundred people participating in the protests against the government of Dina Boluarte in the framework of the Third Seizure of Lima have been arrested during the last 24 hours by the National Police of Peru in the capital of that country.

A member of the network of lawyers demanding the release of these people, José Balarazo, denounced Saturday that the police arrested nearly a hundred people, from Lima and the regions of Moquegua,

Puno, Arequipa and Chiclayo.

The jurist detailed that many of those arrested remain in the police stations of Petit Thouars, Alfonso Ugarte and Cotabambas, among others, and that in the last few hours it was possible to free a group of them thanks to the work of the National Human Rights Coordinator. He affirmed that the repression is directed against protest leaders. Balarazo explained that, as part of the strategy to criminalize the protest, representatives of the Judicial Power and the security forces go to the homes of the detainees with alleged prosecutors and police officers, and inform the families that their relatives are producers of projectiles and rockets, among other charges used to intimidate.

The attorney assured that these are arbitrary and uncharged charges. He demanded freedom for the detainees and respect for human rights. And Jose Balarazo denounced that there are detainees in hospitals, people who were even shot in the genitals this Friday and others who had tear gas bombs thrown at them this Saturday in Plaza Dos de Mayo.

Balarazo asserted that the democratic state that Peru knew today is not in force and there has been a change of constitutional regime. "We are practically living the kidnapping of a democratic State and respectful of human rights," he said.

A group of demonstrators held a sit-in this Saturday outside the Social Affairs Division, in the Lima district of Rimac, demanding the release of journalist, university professor and documentary filmmaker Kenty Aguirre, as well as the leader of the Coordinator of Neighborhood Organizations of North Lima, Raul Tinco, both of whom were arrested on Friday.

According to alternative media outlet Red Muqui, the Police deployed a strong contingent to surround those participating in the sit-in. Thanks to popular pressure, around 20H00 local time Tinco's release occurred.

One of the people beaten the day before by the Police in the Dos de Mayo square, the leader of the Central Unitaria de Lucha (CNUL), Germán Altamirano, considered that the brutality of the Police obeys orders received from the Executive, the Congress and the military commanders. He assured that it is a strategy to threaten the demonstrators.

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