

New protest against Dina Boluarte's coup government

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Protests against the coup government of Dina Boluarte are revived with force in Peru, where a national march is being held demanding the resignation of the president-designate, the closure of Congress, the holding of elections and the convening of a Constituent Assembly for a new Constitution.

Twenty-five regions of the South American country are participating in this new day against the authorities, which most of the citizens qualify as usurpers and of not representing the Peruvians.

Another demand is justice for the victims of the repression of the massive protests unleashed after the coup d'état of last December against the elected president Pedro Castillo, who remains in prison.

A UN report stated that the government used excessive and disproportionate force against participants in the demonstrations. Nearly 70 people were killed and hundreds injured, among them children, women and members of indigenous communities.

International organizations denounced the racist bias of the police repression, as most of the victims were indigenous people from the Andean areas.

At the end of last month, Boluarte refused to testify before the Prosecutor's Office in the investigation against him for the crimes of genocide, aggravated homicide and serious injuries.

Last June, the Permanent Commission of the Congress, controlled by the right wing, rejected and filed by majority a constitutional accusation against Boluarte for his responsibility in the deaths caused by the repression of anti-government protests.

It is not the first time that the legislative body shields Boluarte, whose unpopularity grows every day. Nearly 90% of the population rejects the president.

To the disapproval of the president-designate is added that of the Congress, which barely reaches 6% approval in view of her authoritarian actions that seek impunity for those responsible for the deaths during the protests and for politicians, officials and congressmen accused of corruption.

Peru has lived convulsive months after the coup against Castillo, who since assuming the presidency in July 2021 has been unable to govern due to the constant maneuvers of the Congress, which opened several investigations against him for alleged corruption and filed three motions for moral vacancy.

The current situation is a reflection of the political crisis in which the South American country has been immersed for years.

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