

Argentinean students take over universities across the country in protest against Milei's veto



The student movement plans other actions in repudiation of the veto and the vetoers. Source. EFE

Buenos Aires, October 10 (RHC)-- In Argentina, 70 percent of university teaching salaries are today below the poverty line.

Teaching and non-teaching staff of Argentina's public universities staged a general university strike on Thursday against President Javier Milei's veto of the University Financing Law.

After learning the result of the deliberations the day before in the Lower House, which ratified Milei's veto, the National Universities Union Front announced the strike that is taking place in all the country's universities.

Through a press release, the National Universities Union Front highlighted that “the popular will has been defrauded and democracy has yielded to the anti-republican management of governing by decree of the National Government”.

By a minimal difference, the government ratified the veto against the University Financing Law.

For this reason, on October 10th, we are on a national strike called by all the federations.

The text denounces the complicity of the deputies who voted against the popular will. According to the union, “an alliance that is incapable of being moved by the suffering of the great majorities” was confirmed.

The initiative to call a strike was taken jointly by the university federations and the Federación Argentina del Trabajador de las Universidades Nacionales (Fatun), which group together almost 200,000 teachers and around 50,000 workers, respectively.

The students of the Faculties of Philosophy and Letters and Psychology of the University of Buenos Aires (UBA) were the first to speak out. They were followed by the Exactas and Veterinary faculties. Other university faculties in Córdoba, Rosario, Mar del Plata, Litoral, Santa Cruz, Tucumán, José C. Paz and Tres de Febrero also joined the protests.

The protests were also joined by students, with the support of teachers and non-teaching staff, from the National University of La Matanza, who denounced that during the demonstrations the authorities closed the doors.

At some points pots and pans were also banged. The issue of the university budget was not settled in Congress either: the resources foreseen for next year are substantially lower than those requested by the universities.

With 160 votes in favor and 84 against, the Argentine Chamber of Deputies approved on Wednesday to maintain President Javier Milei's veto to the law for the financing of universities, which increased the funds for public higher education centers.

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