

Guatemalans Continue Protests amid Government Corruption Scandal



Guatemala City, July 13 (teleSUR-RHC)-- Protesters marched over the weekend to the National Palace in Guatemala City, where they demanded that conservative President Otto Perez Molina resign, while chanting slogans like "They must pay back what they have stolen from us!"

Popular protests demanding Perez Molina's resignation have been ongoing since April when fraud scandals first began to surface after investigations uncovered \$6.7 million was embezzled from the country's social security institute in a corruption scandal involving many government officials, including the vice president who was forced to resign.

On July 4, a legislative commission voted in favor of removing Perez Molina's immunity privileges, opening the path to a historic probe against the country's president.

Guatemala's political turmoil comes just months before the country's presidential elections this September. Legal term limits bar Perez Molina from running again.

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