

Tens of Thousands Protest in Macedonia



Skopje, April 22 (RHC)-- Tens of thousands of protesters have taken to the streets in Macedonia's capital against a government decision to grant mass pardon to officials accused of fraud and corruption.

The demonstration, organized by the civil movement "Objection," began on Thursday, with protesters marching from the state prosecutor's office to the parliament building in the capital, Skopje. Protesters were chanting "Resignation, resignation" and "Where there's no truth, there's no peace" and "Mafia to jail."

Police blocked the protesters' way when they reached the parliament building. Unable to break through the police lines, the protesters turned toward the main government building in the city. They also sprayed paint on several government institutions as well as a number of monuments.

Since April 12, thousands of people have been holding anti-government protests across Macedonia against President Gorge Ivanov's decision to grant pardons to 56 officials accused of ordering illegal wiretapping of communications, electoral violations and corruption.



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