

Protests continue in Puerto Rico demanding governor's resignation



San Juan, July 20 (RHC)-- Support for Puerto Rico's governor, Ricardo Rosselló, continued to plunge on Friday.

Large protests outside the governor's mansion carried on into Friday night as thousands marched, some cantering on horseback, from the island's Capitol building. On Wednesday, police used teargas and rubber bullets against thousands after a huge rally in the capital.

Protesters have issued Rosselló with a Sunday evening deadline to resign but the governor has shown no sign he plans to leave despite leaks of hundreds of chat messages that contain homophobic and misogynistic remarks, as well as jokes about those killed in Hurricane Maria, shared between Rosselló and 11 members of his inner circle.

The messages are the latest scandal to hit an administration reeling from criticism over its response to Maria, which pummeled the island in September 2017. The official death toll, revised by Rosselló's administration last year, was found to be 2,975. A study by Harvard University indicated the number could be more than 4,600.

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