

# *Colombia's indigenous peoples join national strike in Bogota*

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Bogota, November 30 (RHC)-- Colombian indigenous organizations like the Cric from the Cauca province, have arrived in Bogota in order to support the workers, students and campesinos that have so far been the core of the national protests against the conservative government.

Thousands of people gathered in the Colombian capital to express their discontent with what they call the “big package” of measures the government wants to implement. The march was headed by a group of young people, all dressed in black with blue and yellow handkerchiefs around their necks, who moved through the streets to a “batucada” or samba-like beat.

The crowd, waving Colombian flags, chanted the slogans “Resistance, resistance” and “The united people will never be defeated.” Other demonstrators carried signs reading “The Chilean people taught me to say ‘Until dignity becomes the norm’” and “Let’s not be governed by fear,” among others.

Large groups of protesters also gathered at other sites around Bogota, joining the national strike called by union leaders to demand changes in the government’s social and economic policy.



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