

Protest against Puerto Rico's Public Debt Adjustment Plan

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The protagonists were students of the University of Puerto Rico and militants of the Puerto Rican Independence Party. | Photo: @JuventudPIP

San Juan, November 9 (RHC)-- Hundreds of Puerto Ricans demonstrated in front of the Federal Court in San Juan (capital) against the Public Debt Adjustment Plan (PAD), presented by the Governor's Office.

Judge Laura Taylor Swain, will carry out the respective reviews of the project and will decide its validity as well as its implementation.

The mobilizations were led by students of the University of Puerto Rico and militants of the Puerto Rican Independence Party (PIP), as well as by legislators Denis Márquez and María de Lourdes Santiago.

"It is not possible to aspire to a just society if there is inequality and discrimination in access to the right to health care," wrote Denis Márquez.

During the demonstrations, signs were seen with slogans such as "This debt is illegal and we are not going to pay it." "You cannot balance the budget by violating our rights", "They are stealing our homeland; your solution: leave?", "Out with the junta. Out with the vultures", "Education is the right of all, not the privilege of some".

The PAD was made official when the governor of Puerto Rico, Pedro Pierluisi, who signed last October 26 House Bill 1003, which proposes the reduction of the public debt from more than \$70 billion to \$34 billion.

It is worth remembering that in 2016 Puerto Rico declared itself unable to pay its debt and in 2017 presented what is to date the largest municipal debt ever presented to the United States.

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