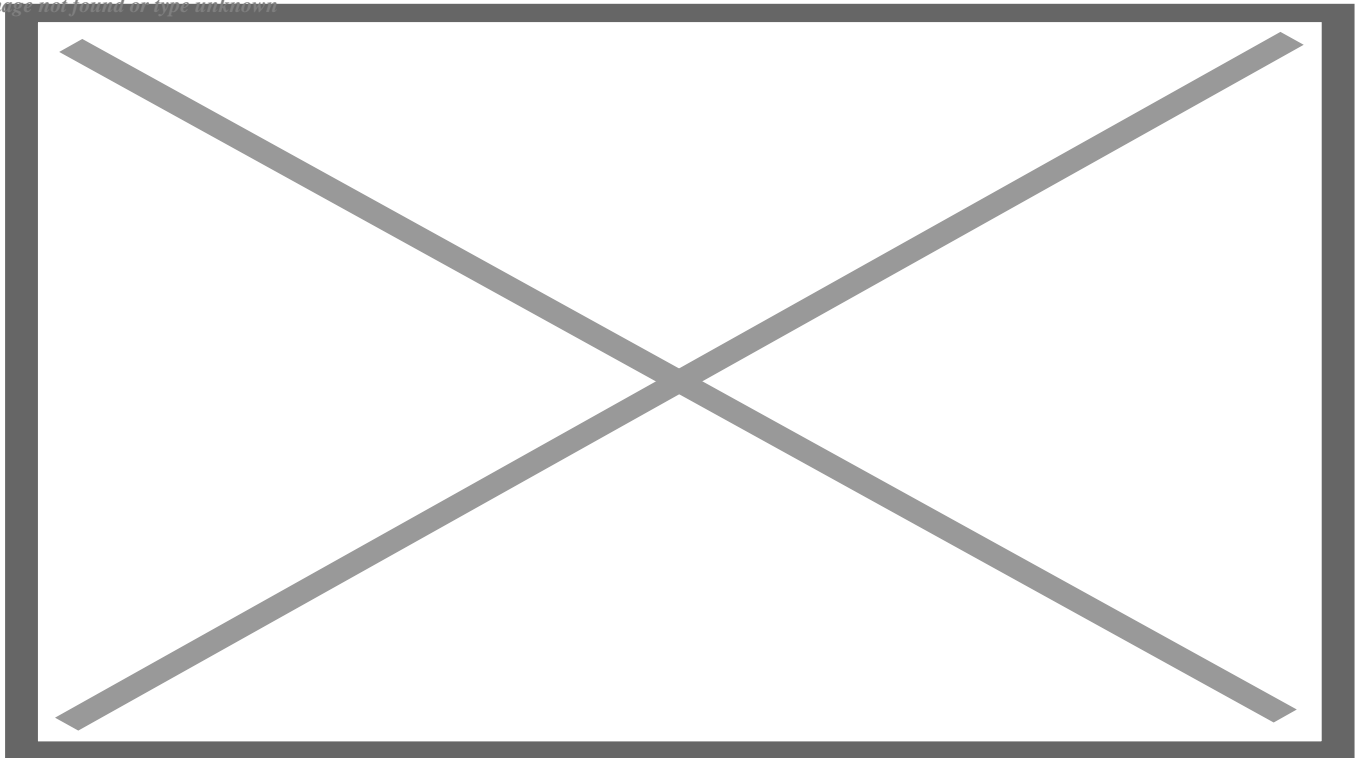


# *Protests demand closure of Peruvian Congress*

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**Sectors of the population went to the headquarters where former President Pedro Castillo is located to demand his release. | Photo: EFE**

Lima, December 14 (RHC)-- Mobilizations in Peru continue in several localities to reiterate the demand for the closure of Congress, the release of former president Pedro Castillo, as well as the resignation of President Dina Boluarte and the holding of new elections.

According to community media, protests have taken place in Plaza San Martin, downtown Lima (capital), Lambayeque, Cusco, Ica, Tacna, and other regions. In addition, the Ombudsman's Office rectified the number of deaths after the National Police repression of the demonstrations. It indicated that a total of six deaths had been confirmed so far.

"The Ombudsman's Office wishes to inform the public that there are six and not seven people dead in the context of the protests taking place in the country," the agency said, adding that among the victims are two teenagers. During the last days of demonstrations, sectors of the population have denounced police

repression against peaceful protests.

teleSUR's correspondent in Peru, Jaime Herrera, reported that the Plaza San Martin, an emblematic venue during demonstrations, "has been taken over by the Police." "More than 2,000 police officers are preventing the people who are gathered here from being able to meet inside this square," he said.

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