

# *Peruvian organizations reject police persecution*

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Lima, December 24 (RHC)-- Representatives of Peruvian organizations have expressed their rejection to the police persecution against those who have demonstrated against the government of President-designate Dina Boluarte.

In statements to teleSUR, the coordinator of the National Platform of Agriculture, Cesar Guarniz, stressed that Peru is going through complex and difficult times, with a state of emergency decreed in which "fundamental constitutional rights have been suspended."

"One of them is the inviolability of the home and, just recently, there was an event that has marked a very disastrous milestone in the actions of the police and the Public Prosecutor's Office. An institution with a long trajectory and history has been intervened", he said in reference to the intervention of the Peruvian Peasant Confederation.

Last week, the Confederation of Peruvian Peasants was intervened by the police and more than 20 people were detained for about ten hours, who were later released as no charges were found against them. The headquarters of the political party Nuevo Perú was also seized.

Regarding the 30 deaths caused by the repression of the security forces against the protests, Guarniz commented that "steps must be taken so that those politically responsible for this situation and for these acts directly have to pay accordingly".

For his part, the president of the National Association of Armed Forces Graduates, Guilmar Trujillo, expressed that the Government "is not giving the responsibility that corresponds to such a complex political and social situation that we are living."

"We are living a very difficult political situation, very complicated, and in addition to this, the current president of Peru, Dina Boluarte, has her back to the people", said Trujillo. He also stated that the current premier, Luis Alberto Otálora, "has blood on his hands", since while he was Minister of Defense "he declared a state of emergency in the nation, which has resulted in 30 deaths, hundreds of wounded at national level".

The day before, other spokespersons also rejected the police persecution against students and militants. The lawyer and member of the Izquierda Socialista party, Juan Diego Motta, declared that "what we have here is a defamation campaign."

"Those of us who have expressed our opinion against what we consider to be a civil-military dictatorship, which is what we are living in the country and which has claimed dozens of deaths, are being defamed and accused of participating in terrorist meetings, which we strongly reject. Now preliminary proceedings have been opened against us at the level of the National Prosecutor's Office, thus consolidating this circle of persecution for ideas, for those of us who are proposing a Constituent Assembly with popular participation."

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