

Peruvian social organizations denounce repression in Lima

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In addition to Boluarte's resignation and the closing of Congress, the demonstrators demand that the governor be brought to justice for the deaths caused by the repression. | Photo: EFE

Lima, February 19 (RHC)-- The Peruvian capital, Lima, was the scene this weekend of new mobilizations against the government of President-designate Dina Boluarte, while social organizations denounced several attacks with tear gas bombs against demonstrators to prevent them from expressing themselves in spaces that have hosted the protests that began on December 7th.

Groups of citizens demanding the resignation of Boluarte, the closure of Congress, the advancement of elections and the call for a constituent assembly, mobilized from different parts of the city to concentrate in Kennedy Park, Miraflores district, where they found a strong police presence.

Other groups tried to get from that site to Dos de Mayo square, but were gassed by National Police officers and forced to disperse.

Demonstrators interviewed by teleSUR underlined the peaceful nature of the protests and the determination to continue with them until the resignation of the Boluarte government and that the president answers to justice for the victims caused by the repression.

In addition to police violence, this Saturday's peaceful mobilization faced the additional complexity of the entry into force of the decree of the Municipality to declare the area of metropolitan Lima intangible and prevent future protests in spaces included in it, such as Dos de Mayo square, Bolognesi avenue and others.

This obstacle joins the strong militarization of other iconic spaces of the demonstrations, such as San Martin and Manco Capac squares.

On the other hand, this Saturday, the regions that are part of the northern macro-region of Peru started a 48-hour strike that was supported by Piura, Lambayeque, San Martin and Trujillo. According to organizers, only Cajamarca and Ancash have yet to join the strike.

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