

Police repress demonstrators during national march against Peruvian government

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Lima, July 23 (RHC)-- Despite police hostility, thousands of Peruvians participated this Saturday in the great national march against the government of Dina Boluarte in the framework of the third Toma de Lima.

Demonstrators gathered at various points in Lima, such as Dos de Mayo and Bolognesi squares, and from there began to march to the Congress headquarters, chanting slogans rejecting the Executive and the legislature.

Although the protest was peaceful, police agents fired tear gas at a group of demonstrators coming from Abancay Avenue and entering San Martin Square. Several people were affected by the gases and had to be assisted.

At least one person was reported injured by trauma caused by a tear gas canister, who was taken to a local hospital, while a demonstrator denounced that the uniformed officers beat Aymara women. The incident was documented in videos and images disseminated through social networks.

Previously, the arrest by the uniformed of a young university student, Franco Lucio, who was haranguing demonstrators gathered in San Martin de Porres, in the center of the Peruvian capital, was denounced through social networks.

A heavy police deployment was reported from the early hours of the morning. In spite of the authorities' prohibition to protest in that place and the brutal attack they suffered, the demonstrators did not retreat and tried to maintain their positions in the aforementioned square,

This Saturday's marches demanded the advancement of general elections, the calling of a constituent assembly to elaborate a Magna Carta that synthesizes the desires of the majorities, the prosecution of those responsible for the murders perpetrated during the repression of the protests and the liberation of former president Pedro Castillo, detained since last December.

The mobilization, organized by the Coordinadora Nacional Unitaria de Lucha (CNUL) and the Confederación General de Trabajadores del Perú (CGTP), among others, was joined by people from outlying neighborhoods of the capital city and other regions, such as Huánuco, Pasco and Juliaca (department of Puno).

Press media reported the arrival in Lima of a delegation from the Apurímac, Ene and Mantaro river valley region (Vraem) to join the protests, third during this week. Demonstrators interviewed by teleSUR ratified that the protests will continue on July 26, 27 and 28, on the occasion of Independence Day and national holidays.

They made it clear that these mobilizations seek the recovery of democracy in a country threatened by the authoritarianism of the current government and the advance of Fujimorism.

Likewise, they pointed out that the Peruvian people's struggle is focused on a constituent assembly, from which a Constitution will be born to help leave behind a country marked by inequalities.

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