

On 29. April, around 20,000 people have gathered in the city of Curitiba to protest against the changes in the state's rules for social security and retirement for civil servants. The protest was siverely repressed by the military police and according to the Public Defence's Office, 14 people were temporarily detained. All those detained had their mobile phones apprehended, without judicial authorization and with no related facts that could justify such seizure, in what they called "a clear violation of their privacy".

I urge you to ensure a prompt, thorough, independent and impartial investigation into allegations of police abuse and excessive use of force towards protesters during the 29. April demonstration in Curitiba.

I would also like to call on you to ensure that all those injured receive proper medical care and those detained have full access to legal counsel of their choice.

Moreover I urge you to uphold the right to peaceful assembly and not to use force against peaceful protesters.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely yours,