Journalists Being Targeted at Venezuelan Opposition Protests



Caracas, June 6 (RHC-teleSUR)-- Right-wing opposition protests in Venezuela are attacking journalists, with accounts of reporters having shots fired at them as well as gasoline thrown at them in an attempt by protesters to set them on fire.

The latest case was teleSUR correspondent Adriana Sivori who was shot in the back while reporting from an anti-government protest in the western Caracas parish of El Paraiso early Monday morning.

In an interview with teleSUR, Sivori recalled how several press people were stuck on a bridge when opposition protesters attacked them.

"We were all reporting, as we usually do, when Molotov cocktails, nails and bullets began raining down on us from a nearby building. The Molotovs came from a gate by the building, while the shots came from the building, but above us," she explained.

Visibly shaken, Sivori urged an end to the violence. "I have been at risk before, but this is different. We need dialogue like everyone wants, like some of the opposition wants," adding: "All press, regardless of tendency, has to be respected."

Opposition violence against national and international journalists has been repeatedly denounced by the

Bolivarian government and various members of the communications union.



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