

# *Thousands march against racism and fascism in Rome*

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Rome, Feb 26 (RHC)-- Thousands have joined a march against racism in the Italian capital Rome, mobilized by a pre-election period dominated by bitter debate over immigration. Politicians, unionists and Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni joined the march, plighted by rain, to call for a stop to racism and fascism in the country.

Earlier this month, a 28-year-old Italian with declared Nazi sympathies went on a shooting spree in Macerata, a city in central Italy. He shot and wounded six Black migrants before being stopped by police.

Scuffles have broken out between far-left protesters and members of a neo-fascist party across Italy in the last few days in a sign of increasing tensions ahead of the March 4 national election.

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