

Salvadorans protest following reports that phones of journalists were hacked



San Salvador, January 19 (RHC)-- In El Salvador, people took to the streets of San Salvador to mark the 30th anniversary of the signing of the peace accords that ended the Salvadoran U.S.-backed war in 1992. Protesters demanded justice for the tens of thousands who were killed and disappeared during the conflict.

Local media reported that many people also condemned recent news that the phones of dozens of Salvadoran journalists and human rights defenders were hacked with the Israeli NSO Group's Pegasus spyware. Among them were at least 22 journalists with the independent news outlet El Faro, which has led a number of investigations into the government of President Nayib Bukele.

One of the protest organizers, Patricia Velazquez, told reporters in San Salvador: "The president needs to know we are aware that we are being spied on, both journalists and the civil society. But we won't be silenced. We will always denounce all the abuses that happen in this country."

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