Anti-war student protesters at Stanford University charged with felonies



A student encampment at Stanford University in California in November 2023, where protesters were calling for the university to condemn Israel's attacks on Gaza [Tayfun Cokun/Anadolu]

San Francisco, April 11 (RHC)-- U.S. authorities have charged 12 protesters with felony vandalism for participating in a June 2024 pro-Palestine demonstration at Stanford University in California.

The charged -- who range in age from 19 to 32 -- barricaded themselves inside the office of the school president last year. Prosecutors accuse the group of "conspiracy to occupy" the building, adding that at least one suspect entered by breaking a window.

The university said at the time that 13 people were arrested during the protest, while one police officer was injured and the building suffered "extensive" damage.

The Trump administration has led a crackdown on protesters at universities across the US, arresting and attempting to deport several non-citizen students who have expressed pro-Palestine views.

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