## More than 100,000 march in the Netherlands to protest against Gaza genocide



The Hague, May 19 (RHC)-- Tens of thousands of red-clad protesters have marched through The Hague to call on the Netherlands government to do more to halt Israel's onslaught in Gaza.

Organizers said it was the country's biggest demonstration in two decades as rally participants pressed the Dutch government on Sunday to take action against Israel's genocide in Gaza. The crowd that gathered outside the government seat was estimated to number more than 100,000 people, according to the organizers. Police did not give an estimate.

"Sometimes I'm ashamed of the government because it doesn't want to set any limits," said 59-year-old teacher Jolanda Nio. "We are calling on the Dutch government: stop political, economic and military support to Israel as long as it blocks access to aid supplies and while it is guilty of genocide, war crimes and structural human rights violations in Gaza and the occupied Palestinian territories," said Marjon Rozema of Amnesty International.

Israel's army announced "extensive ground operations" on Sunday as part of its newly expanded campaign in the Gaza Strip. Rescuers reported dozens killed in a wave of Israeli attacks.

Israel's war on Gaza has killed at least 53,339 people and wounded 121,034, according to Gaza's Ministry of Health. The enclave's Government Media Office updated the death toll to more than 61,700, saying thousands of people missing under the rubble are presumed dead.

An estimated 1,139 people were killed in Israel during Hamas-led attacks on October 7, 2023, and about 250 were taken captive.

The International Court of Justice in The Hague is hearing a case brought by South Africa, arguing that the Gaza war breached the 1948 United Nations Genocide Convention, an accusation Israel has strongly denied.

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