Hundreds Violently Clash in Mexico City, 160 Arrested by Police



Mexico City, June 5 (teleSUR-RHC)-- Among the many crises affecting Mexico, all which seem to derive in violence, is the illegal appropriation of properties -- many times promoted by authorities themselves or political parties -- an action that left a number of people injured and over 169 arrested on Thursday after an all out battle in an eastern area of Mexico City.

In Mexico City, hundreds of people yesterday turned a huge empty lot into a battlefield before police arrested over 160 people who had been fighting with knives, clubs, bottles, stones and fists.

About 200 families that claimed to have no home attempted to take over the property.

The property in question is called *La Poblanita* and is located in the east of the capital, in Tlahuac. Over 200 families invaded the lot and set up makeshift shacks there, angering hundreds more who went there to try and recover the property.

Mexican newspaper *La Jornada* said 300 police were deployed to the scene of the battle with anti-riot equipment. "Many began fleeing the scene when they saw police arriving, but others remained there fighting. Dozens of police reportedly remain at the lot to prevent further violence.

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