Italian Police Clash with Anti-Government Demonstrators



Rome, April 30 (RHC)-- Italian police clashed in Pisa Friday with demonstrators protesting against the government of Prime Minister Matteo Renzi. The demonstrators gathered in the historic city upon calls from labor unions and student organizations to protest Renzi's policies. At least two protesters sustained head injuries and police arrested several of the demonstrators.

Renzi, who had come to Pisa to attend a celebratory event marking the 30th anniversary of the first Internet connection in Italy, is under harsh criticism by unions and student organizations for the dire unemployment situation in the country.

Upon becoming prime minister in February 2014, Renzi pledged to tackle the "long-overdue" labor market reform. He said labor would be at the top of his agenda to improve the state of the Italian economy. The Italian premier also promised to eradicate Italy's high rate of unemployment.

Unemployment in Italy, which is said to have one of the highest rates in Europe, has been a major blow to Renzi's administration.



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