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Upsurge in violence

Journalists attacked during police demonstrations in provinces

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Reporters Without Borders condemns the physical attacks on journalists that have occurred in the course of demonstrations in several provinces since the start of December by police officers demanding more pay.

"We urge the demonstrators and the police to respect the work of journalists, who have often been the [targets of reprisals](#) in connection with their coverage of the protests," Reporters Without Borders said.

We also call on the authorities to ensure that journalists are protected and to punish those responsible for the violence. These attacks reinforce the concern we previously expressed about [the increase in violence](#) against media personnel since the start of the year, especially in the provinces."

Santa Fe

The unofficial police union APROPOL has been threatening the Rosario-based daily *La Capital's* reporters ever since the start of the protests. Police also threatened local TV station *Canal 5's* reporter **Belén Salvaña**, cameraman **Cristián Ponce** and technician **Miguel Debiassi** on 10 December to get them cut short a live report. Posters attacking *Canal 3* and *Radio Dos* have been put up around the city.

Tucumán

Members of the National Gendarmerie have physically attacked a number of journalists including *La Gaceta* reporter **Luis María Ruiz** and photographer **Jorge Olmos Grosso**, *El Siglo* stringer **Daniel Gollán**, **Gianni Bulacio** of *El Tribuno de Tucumán* and **Sebastián Lorenzo Pisarello** of *APA!*, an alternative news agency. "As I was covering the demonstrations, a policeman approached and then two others gave me a beating," Olmos (photo) told Reporters Without Borders.

Jujuy

Journalists with *Canal 4* and *Canal 7* and **Carlos Sánchez**, a photographer with the online newspaper *La Voz de Jujuy*, were attacked on 9 December and their equipment was stolen. **Ángel Díaz** of *RadioVision Jujuy* was attacked twice the same day, firstly by youths who were breaking the window of sports store, then by policemen, who threatened him and roughed him up. Policemen also harassed *Canal 4 Noticias* reporter **Luis Letter** and cameraman **Gonzalo Rodríguez**.

Neuquén

A policeman harassed a reporter and a cameraman with *Canal 7* on 9 December and, using threats, forced them to abandon their work.

La Rioja

A photographer with the daily *El Independiente* was threatened and then attacked by a group of policemen on 6 December. Another journalist with the same newspaper, **María de la Vega**, said she was using her mobile phone to film an arrest "when a plainclothes policeman hit me to make me drop my phone." Police taking part in a demonstration attacked other journalists, including a reporter and a cameraman with *Capital TV*.

Santiago del Estero

Reporters Without Borders calls on the authorities to explain why they arrested **Juan Pablo Suárez**, the editor of the opposition newspaper *Última Hora*, on 2 December after he allegedly refused to hand over a video of a police officer involved in the demonstrations who was later arrested.

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