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Bolivian soldiers tear gas funeral procession for slain protesters

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La Paz, November 22 (RHC)-- Bolivian military forces tear gassed a massive funeral procession in La Paz Thursday, as supporters of ousted president Evo Morales carried coffins of slain protesters through the streets.

Thousands of demonstrators were mourning the eight indigenous protesters killed by the Bolivian police and military Tuesday in El Alto. But security forces descended on the procession as it drew near the presidential palace. Coffins were left in the streets as tear gas forced the demonstrators to disperse.

It was the latest act of military repression since the coup that forced Evo Morales out of office almost two weeks ago. At least 32 people have been killed by security forces in the violence that followed — mainly indigenous people.

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