

Chile runs out of tear gas and purchases more from Brazil

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Santiago de Chile, Dec. 4 (Prensa Latina) As a result of its excessive use against protesters since October 18, Chilean police forces are practically running out of tear gas, and have had to purchased more from Brazil.

According to the daily La Tercera, the force has been instructed to use it 'effectively to achieve the desired objective, which is none other than gradually dispersing non-peaceful rallies through the use of force according to protocol.' The paper indicates that the police made a limited purchase of tear gas cartridges from the Brazilian company Condor, which must be used in accordance with the order to optimize their effectiveness and 'not waste them.'

The use of tear gas also increased after the high command of the Police temporarily suspended the use of riot guns due to the serious injuries caused by pellets to hundreds of people, many of them with irreversible eye injuries.

In recent weeks, complaints of people seriously injured by the direct impact of tear gas canisters have also multiplied.

The most unfortunate case is that of Francisca Campillai, aged 36, who was hit in the face by a tear gas canister, which completely blinded her.

The attack occurred as she was waiting for a bus to go to work. 'I was not participating in any demonstration and was assaulted by the police,' she denounced.

