

Chile's President announces tariff cut, but protests continue

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Chile's President Sebastian Piñera, in an attempt to curb protests against his government, signed this Thursday a bill to cancel a recent electricity hike and lower the price of energy by 2020.

Piñera said at a ceremony held at the Palacio de La Moneda, accompanied by Energy Minister Juan Carlos Jobet and Interior Minister Andres Chadwick, that on Friday he will sign and send to Congress the bill that allows for an increase in pensions.

However, the Chilean people from different parts of the country are carrying out a series of actions to reject his economic policies, the repression of the last few days against the demonstrators, and the accumulation of social injustice.

Meetings in different regions to continue the mobilizations and generate structural changes in Chile, a caravan of more than 100 trucks in Valparaiso, peaceful concentrations in Temuco, Copiapo, Puerto Montt, are just some of the measures in the second day of strike called by the Social Unity table.

At the same time, the authorities are already announcing more curfews to curb the social protest, which began last Friday with a 30 percent increase in the price of the metro ticket.

Chile awake, is the slogan that distinguishes this wave of protests, despite the repeal of that rise, repressed by the police and military with a toll of 23 dead, dozens injured and mo/re than two thousand arrested.