
MADRID MARKS FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF LOS INDIGNADOS

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In scenes reminiscent of those witnessed five years ago, thousands marched through the streets of Madrid on Sunday (May 15) to mark the anniversary of the Indignados or Outraged movement.

In 2011, people frustrated at austerity measures, a 20 percent unemployment rate and other economic and social problems took to the streets nationwide. In the Spanish capitals Puerta del Sol square the spontaneous protest turned into a 28-day occupation.

It gave rise to a new political era in Spain.

I remember that the youths finally moved through the streets. Something that I miss now, said one man at this weekends march. A youth awareness of what is on the line, a country for them, nobody can do it for them.

Another woman added:

The discontent that we felt five years ago has resulted in new political parties that now have a real chance to form a government. They are creating a new kind of politics, aimed at change.

The left-wing Podemos was born of the Indignados or 15-M (May 15) movement. It came out of Decembers (2015) elections as Spains third largest party. Conservative and socialist dominance now a thing of the past, four parties are vying for power in a ballot scheduled for June.

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