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Historic moment: National Day of Fight with Strikes and Mobilizations

The **National Day of Fight with Strikes and Mobilizations** reached its goals. This evaluation comes from the trade union centrals that, on July 12, scheduled a meeting to evaluate the movement and also to discuss the next steps.

Ricardo Patah, national president of UGT, said that, besides this positive evaluation, unionists are waiting for a position of the government in the next days, in order to discuss the agenda of workers, giving room for conversation, and in order to advance while achieving the workers requests.

If this does not happen, the trade union is already articulating a National Day of Standstill all over the country, which is supposed to take place on August 30.



Motorcycle couriers in Sao Paulo follow path to Paulista Avenue



In Sao Paulo, trade unions affiliated with UGT close down stores in 25 de Março

To Ricardo Patah, national president, protests of June 11 were important, since, currently, the entire nation knows the agenda of the workers demands and it also knows that if the government is not open for negotiations, the August 30 strike will be the biggest this country has ever seen.

During the meeting, unionists also decided that, on August 06, trade union centrals will perform an act in front of head offices of business institutions in all Brazilian States and in Brasilia, against the Law Project 4330, which increases the outsourcing and removes workers rights. "The Federal Government already knows our strength, now it is time the trade union movement said "Get a grip National Congress", because that is where this project is following legal channels".

Patah also stated that July 11 will be a historic date for the trade union movement, since it was clear for the government that society wants changes and, following the example of Europe, people take to the streets whenever they do not agree with actions of rulers. Brazilians, from now on, will also take to the streets and ask for changes.

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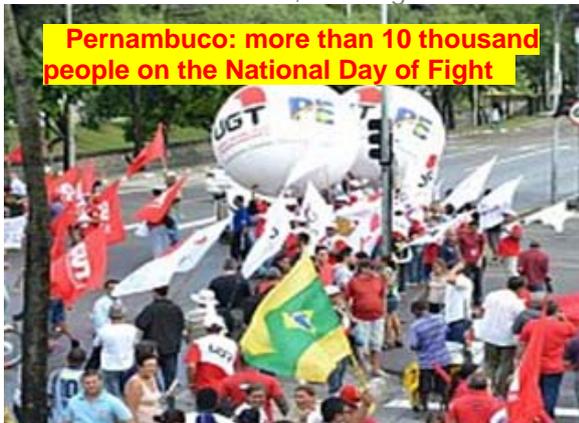
From northern to southern Brazil

Protests organized by trade union centrals reached all Brazilian States with an agenda focused on labour rights.

Protests, which were part of the "National Day of Fight", gathered more than 100 thousand people in 18 State capitals, according to official estimates.



Federal deputy Ademir Camilo led UGT-Minas in the march that passed through downtown Sao Paulo, after 2:00 P.M., and ended at 6:00 P.M., in the Northeast region. In the morning, people started to gather at Plaza Sete, most central point of the city, with an agglomeration of activists from different activities, who wore T-shirts and held flags related to the institutions they represented. In the banners, sentences that described general demands and also specific demands of each class, making a mosaic of what the protest would be a few hours later.



University of Latin America Workers

UGT attends UTAL program

The first part of the programs of education of national educators and of UTAL team educators took place in Lima, Peru, and both were organized by the University of Workers of Latin America (UTAL). This event, which occurred from July 07 to 13, was attended by 36 participants (directors and advisors), and covered issues related to the importance of educational processes in the workers movement, in projects, in techniques and the tools used in such processes. The profile of the educator and the knowledge that must be developed were also topics that were discussed.

The debate covered one of the most important issues related to educational processes: what kind of education we want and how to apply it, this way, not only will a stronger unionism be built, but, above all, it will be closer to society. Furthermore, the importance of a dialectical, emancipatory, collective and critical methodology, one that is able to promote reflection. The construction and reconstruction of concepts was defended by UGT as the best strategy to obtain real advances in this area.



The participation of UGT in this important UTAL program provided the UGT delegation with an invaluable experience that should be incorporated to its internal educational processes. At the same time, it strengthened bonds between these institutions and it opens new horizons that will certainly be used and will be completely reverted to the strengthening of UGT and its fights.

The program of national educators of the UTAL team will last two years, alternating on-campus activities with a broad mix of online activities.

ILO celebrates birthday of Mandela

On behalf of the International Labour Organization, I send the most sincere birthday wishes to Nelson Mandela on his ninety-fifth birthday, wishing him health and serenity.

Today we also mark in his name, Nelson Mandela International Day for freedom, justice and democracy. These are fundamental values that he has defended with passion, dignity and integrity throughout his life.



The ILO will continue to draw inspiration from him and honour him as we promote these values in the world of work. Through our action we will strive to inspire change towards his vision of inclusive and equitable societies.

We join hands in solidarity with Mandela's family and the people of South Africa in celebrating his remarkable life.

Guy Ryder, ILO Director-General

Special retirement for Waiting Staff



The complementary law project (PLP) 201/12, which establishes a special retirement for waiters and waitresses, cooks and confectioners, after 25 years of work, is ready to be put to a vote under the House of Representatives, in Brasilia.

Deputy Roberto Santiago (SP), who is also vice-president of UGT and president of the Commission on Labour, Administration and Public Service (CTASP), had a meeting with representatives of this class on July 17, and emphasized that, among other measures, this project will consider tips as part of their monthly income.

"Currently, waiters and waitresses work for 30 years and once they retire, tips are not considered. This project establishes that their income should not be the one declared in their job cards, it should be, instead, the total amount they make per month", he added.

Santiago emphasized that this proposal is legitimate for such a tiring work. "We are dealing with a class that work standing from 10 to 12 hours per day. It is an exhausting and unhealthy work. It is more than fair that they are entitled to a special retirement, for those that give their lives to serve people", he said.



National Federation of Broadcasters

The new board of directors of FENARTE was empowered. FENARTE- National Federation of Professional Broadcasters and Workers of Broadcasting Companies, Television Networks, Cable TV Companies and Communication Services - is an institution affiliated with UGT.



This solemnity took place at the head office of this federation, in Brasilia, on June 30, and was attended by important figures of communication, among them, **Waldir Abrantes**, president of FENATEJOR (National Federation of Journalists) and **Murilo Antonio de Freitas Coutinho**, president of FENAP (National Federation of Advertising Workers).



"The União Geral dos Trabalhadores reaffirms its historic commitments to the working class, while seeking to expand its methods of action, with ethics, courage and the certainty that Brazil can be better and more just. " Ricard Patah – UGT's President]

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