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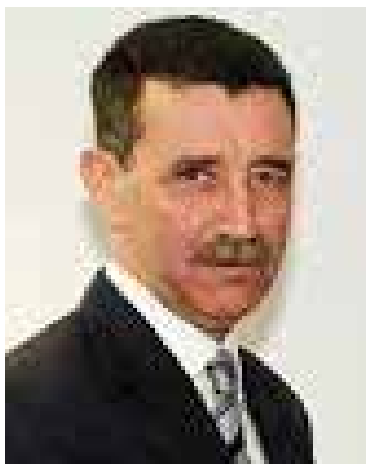
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UGT reports Prosecutor's Office in ILO

On June 09, **União Geral de Trabalhadores - UGT**, along with the trade union centrals CUT, Força Sindical CTB and NCST, reported the Public Labour Prosecutor's Office due to its interference in the activities of trade unions.

This complaint was sent to the Committee on Trade Union Freedom, headed by Cleópatra Dumbia – Henry, during the 103rd Conference of the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva.



In the complaint, UGT and other trade union centrals that represent more than 40 million workers, accuse the Public Prosecutor's Office of interfering in the political and financial activities of trade unions, when they try to prevent trade union institutions from receiving contributions, approved in assemblies, used in the expenses and maintenance of unions, in defense of the interests and rights of workers.

To Lourenço Prado, UGT's national vice president and coordinator of International Affairs, the behavior of the Public Labour Prosecutor's Office only benefits businessmen and weakens the trade union movement. That was the reason why unionists decided to report such acts under ILO.

UGT, in ILO, in the fight for decent work

The **unionists Mônica Roma and Carol Roma**, representatives of UGT and of the Commerce Workers Union of Rio de Janeiro, an institution affiliated with UGT, are attending the meeting of the commission that deals with the transition of informal to formal work. One of the main ideals of UGT.



Wagner Souza, assistant secretary of UGT's Department of International Affairs, presented amendments to the project of resolution on employment.



Wagner Souza said that "the amendments were a result of an intense work of convincing other benches, in which we received the support of the French bench, but we continue on the fight so that these amendments are approved in the final resolution".

The amendments presented were the following:

1) "The engine of all world economies are the young ones, and the lack of investments of businessmen in professional qualification combined with the failure of governments in creating public policies in education and professional qualification, might result, in the following years, in a significant increase in the lack of qualified workforce and an increase in the world crisis."

2) "The International Labour Organization, ILO, already has enough instruments to solve the issue of unemployment and sub-employment, what we need is that governments are to legally ratify the agreements 98, 154 and 154, this way we will be able to solve the topic of private companies and public service."

UGT's Rio de Janeiro condemns deaths in the World Cup

União Geral dos Trabalhadores - UGT reported, under ILO, deaths of workers in the work of the Brazil and of the Qatar Soccer World Cup



Nilson Duarte Costa, president of UGT's State branch of Rio, is attending the 103rd Conference of the International Labour Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, and used his speech to complain about the lack of security in the construction and renovation work of the Brazilian stadiums for the World Cup.

"Until now, 9 Brazilian workmen died at construction work for the World Cup. There is nothing that could justify such neglect with the security and with the lives of workers. Fulfilling deadlines and decreasing expenses cannot be excuses for such neglect.

Following the same logic of this complaint, UGT led a protest against the deaths of workers in Qatar. This protest was organized by the Building and Wood Workers' International (BWI), which reports the deaths of 1,200 workers involved in the construction of stadiums and infrastructure work for the World Cup 2022.

In Qatar, most of the cheap labour is composed of immigrants from Nepal, India and Pakistan. Workmen are exposed to long shifts - mostly longer than 12 hours - and deal with a poorly safe working environment in need of an adequate infrastructure.

There are reports of working conditions similar to slavery in the construction work. Passports are confiscated and salaries are retained for their bosses for months. All of that under a 50° degrees Celsius heat above their heads. Many of them are seriously wounded or die after falling from great height. Others even suicided.

Nilson Duarte Costa stated that this kind of exploration is no longer acceptable: "one of the main fight ideals of UGT and of all the trade union movement is decent work and security at work. The world, the major economies, no longer can close their eyes to this problem that takes place mostly with immigrant workers".

World Cup brings gains for workers

World Cup brings economic, legal and organizational gains to workmen, says Dieese

The World Cup construction and renovation work benefited workers in civil construction. That is what the Inter Union Department of Statistics and Social-Economic Studies points out, based on a survey of mobilizations and achievements of workers who acted in the work in stadiums.

This study, requested by the Building and Wood Workers' International (BWI), evaluates the results of the Decent Work Campaign prior, during and after the World Cup, and began in 2011. This campaign agglutinated several trade unions in Brazil, holding meetings with governments, visits to stadiums or assemblies in the workplace, what contributed to a national tripartite agreement, which establishes improvements of working, living and security conditions to workers.

According to Nilton Freitas, representative of BWI in Latin America and Caribbean, this combined fight of unions was decisive so that workers were able to achieve victories and improvements.

Gains - "There were gains in real terms in the wages in the 12 host cities. Above the average of gains of all classes and higher than the average of the own sector of civil construction", affirms Silvestre Prado, coordinator of trade union relations of Dieese.

Gains in real terms in salaries, higher than inflation, varied from 0,78% to 7,35%. In 2012, the average reached 4,10%, the best one in the analyzed period. There were other gains, such as additional of extra and night work, with percentages above those established under the law, and gains in the organization in the workplace, with the creation of commissions to negotiate with companies.

Strikes - This study perceives at least one strike in every stadium work. From 2011 to 2014, 26 paralyzations took place, most of them in the first two years. There were 1,197 hours of strike. Converted in eight hour shifts, they point out almost 150 days with no work.

Accidents - To Antonio de Sousa Ramalho, president of the Union of Civil Construction Workers, through several interviews to the Union Agency, mobilizations in the construction and renovation work also happened to protest against accidents, abuse in outsourcing, excessive extra hours and extenuating working shifts.



Check the speech of Ricardo Patah, president of UGT, during the 102nd meeting of ILO

UGT in defense of the reduction of working hours for shift work



On June 04, UGT attended the re-launching of the campaign for the reduction of working hours for shift work, named Movement pro-40.

This unitarian act took place at the House of Representatives, in Brasilia, and was attended by delegations of UGT's State branches from Rondônia, Federal District, Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo, which is essential to strengthen the activities of the trade union central, as well as of the other centrals Força Sindical, CSP Conlutas, CTB, Nova Central, CUT and CSB, and of congressmen who filled up the facilities of the auditorium Lineu Ramos.



"This meeting was good, since deputies and senators who attended made a commitment to vote in favor of the reduction of working hours for shift work", said Lourenço Ferreira Prado, vice-president of the National UGT.

UGT participated in this event with delegations from Rondônia, Federal District, Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo, which is essential to strengthen the activities of the trade union central in other States of Brazil as well.

To Ricardo Patah, president of the National UGT, though some trade union centrals think different in some aspects, which strengthens the Brazilian democracy, in other areas these institutions show how unity of the working class is essential for the population to achieve their goals. "With the re-launch of the movement Pro-40, we, who represent trade union centrals, will intensify our actions and strengthen the bonds between our institutions so that we can advance in this agenda", concluded the unionist. (*Fábio Ramalho – UGT newsroom*)

Victory of commerce workers

Commerce workers are included in the June 12 holiday

Fernando Haddad, mayor of Sao Paulo, issued the law of the City Council, which included commerce workers of Sao Paulo in the June 12 holiday, opening date of the Soccer World Cup.

Therefore, commerce workers who work next Thursday, date of the play of the Brazilian team against Croatia, at Itaquerão, should demand the following rights of their companies: 100% payment of this day, compensatory day off and meal and transportation voucher.



The City Council changed the Municipal Law 15.996, which excluded this class of holidays, after commerce workers stepped pressure. Last week, they even closed the Paulista Avenue during a protest.

After the June 04 protest, Ricardo Patah, president of UGT and of the Commerce Workers of Sao Paulo, was received by the city councillor José Américo, president of the City Council of Sao Paulo.

Patah was also received by the city councillor José Police Neto, from the PSD party, who guaranteed support of his party to try and revert this situation and ensure benefits to the classes that worked on this holiday.



UGT attends 36th Convention of UAW

Ricardo Patah, president of UGT, leads the delegation of this institution, which attended the 36th Convention of the United Auto Workers/UAW, an American trade union.

On June 01, the opening of this event, which is taking place in Detroit, Michigan, was attended by 43 international officers, representing 12 countries. Besides the president Ricardo Patah, the following people were part of the delegation of UGT: the secretaries Marcos Afonso (Press Department), Marcos Gimenez (Advertising), Sidnei Corral (Integration to the Americas) and the advisors Eduardo Pavão and Marina Silva.



Foundation of the Federation of Bank Workers of Peru

On June 05, the ceremony of foundation of FETBANF- Federation of Bank Workers of Peru - took place in Lima. This ceremony was attended by trade union officers from trade unions that represent bank workers of institutions that are affiliated with UGT, as well as other trade unions from Latin America.



FETBANF is created out of eight local trade unions – SUTBAN, SINTRASCI, SUTMIBAN, SUTBAF, SUDECREDISCOTIA, SUTBCP, SUTBAZ and SBRP. The creation of FETBANF will enable bank workers from Peru to achieve, from now on, much more strength while negotiating a higher remuneration and better working conditions", stated Rumiko Tanaka, secretary of the CONTEC Finance Department.

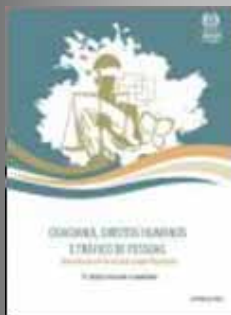
At the end of the solemnity, the affiliation of the recently created FETBANF to UNI Global Union also took place. (Rogério Marques - Trade Union of Bank Workers of Franca)

Against human trafficking

Citizenship, human rights and human trafficking: manual for popular legal attorneys

This manual, edited by ILO, has the goal of contributing to the engagement of popular legal female attorneys while facing human trafficking, being an extra tool in process of their formation, as well as their actions while facing all sorts of violence against women. It can help unions that wish to join this fight.

Cidadania, direitos humanos e trafico de pessoas.



"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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