



August, 14: GUW at the National Fight Day

No to dismissals. On for the reduction of working shifts without reduction of salaries. In defense of social rights.



Brazil is going out in the streets on August, 14. Field and city workers united against the crisis and dismissals, fighting for employment and better salaries, for the maintenance of rights and their enlargement, for the reduction in the interest rate, in the fight for the reduction of working time for shift work without reducing salaries, on for the agrarian and urban revolution and in defense of investments in social politics.

The property and monopoly speculation blew in the center of the international capitalist system, the United States of America, and it hits all the economies. Out there - and also in Brazil - trillions of dollars are being toasted to cover a hole in multinational companies, in an endless well. Still, unemployment spreads around, and it may reach more than 50 million workers.

In Brazil, the malign and opportunist action of multinational companies from the automotive sector and from companies like Vale do Rio Doce, CSN and Embraer, led to hundreds of thousands dismissals of workers.

The Federal Government, that injected billions of reais in the economy to save banks, car assembly plants and home appliances (white line), have the obligation to demand the guarantee of employment to the working class as a counterpart to the conceded aid.

People should not be blamed for the crisis. It is a result of a system that constantly go through a crisis and changes the planet in a huge financial carousel, with rules that are dictated by the market. Facing the failure of this excluding logic, they want the working class to pay for the crisis.

Collapse at work, belt-tightening and unemployment only damage the poorest ones. In slums and suburbs. It is necessary to cut down drastically the interest, reduce the working time for shift work without reducing salaries, accelerate the agrarian and urban reform, enlarge housing, sanitation, education and health policies, and concrete measures of the governments to stop mass dismissals and ensure employment and workers income.

With this spirit of unity and fight, the General Union of Workers (GUW), will perform, all over the country, huge mobilizations.

No to dismissals! On for the legal ratification of ILO Conventions 151 and 158!

Reduction of interests! End of the primary surplus!

Reduction of working time for shift work without reducing salaries!

End of the social security factor! On for health, education and housing!

Agrarian and urban reform now!

In defense of Petrobrás and the richness of the pre-salt layer!

On for a legislation that prohibits mass dismissals!

On for the continuity on increasing the minimum wage!

On for the international solidarity to people!

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Carriers nurture down-time at Ceagesp



Nearly three thousand carriers from Ceagesp (Company of Warehouses and General Storehouses of São Paulo), nurtured a down-time of over two hours on Monday morning, July, 13.

According to the president of the **Union of Freelancer Carriers of Produce and Fishes in Food Supply Centrals of the State of São Paulo, José Pinheiro de Souza**, the carriers are claiming not to have the CEAGESP logotype taken away from their uniform and the continuity on renewing the credential.

During the act, the **Sindicar** delivered to the directorship of Ceagesp a memorandum with the main claims of the class. According to Pinheiro, still in the morning a committee of workers got together with the board of directors of Ceagesp, that made a commitment to answer all the claims of the class, and for that reason the workers decide to end the manifestation and restart their activities.

The **secretary of the Publicizing and Communication Department, Marcos Afonso de Oliveira**, who was present at the act and the manifestation, said that **Sindicar**, legitimate representative of the Ceagesp carriers, will have all the support from **GUW** in the defense of the interests of the class it represents.

GUW condemns the existence of slave work in Brazil



"It's a shame to the Brazilian people being on record that after 121 years since the promulgation of the Áurea Law, the country still explores slave work. And even worse, with the knowledge of the government."

The statement is from the unionist Marcos Afonso de Oliveira, National Secretary of the Publicizing and Communication Department of G UW (General Union of Workers), while getting in touch with the article publicized by Agência Brasil where the MTE (Ministry of Labour and Employment) publicizes the "dirty list" of employers that explore slave work.

Marcos Afonso feels astonished about the fact that the ministry, that has the duty of restraining such practice, admits its existence, when in fact, "the correct thing to do would be declaring that such centers had been extinguished and the responsible had been punished by law", he points out, emphasizing that G UW vehemently condemns any sort of exploration of workers.

According to the article, the "dirty list" has 174 employers among physical and legal persons that explore slave work, out of which 13 were included and 34 were withdrawn. Most of them are in Pará, with 44 cases, followed by Maranhão, with 29, Tocantins, 20, Goiás, 19, Mato Grosso do Sul, 18, Bahia, 13 and Mato Grosso, 12. The MTE also observed the existence of this illegality in Rondônia, Amazonas, Paraná, Espírito Santo, Santa Catarina, Ceará, Piauí, Minas Gerais, Rio Grande do Norte. "It's outrageous the fact that on May, 13, 1888, the princess Isabel signed the law 3.353 extinguishing slavery all over the country and still, nowadays, the government itself declares the existence of this national shame in 17 out of the 26 states", regrets Marcos Afonso de Oliveira.

G UW, according to Marcos Afonso, praises the decision of the minister Luppi on spreading to the public opinion such immorality and insult to the human rights of the workers. The fact that some employers appeal to the Court against the fines they received is strange, in the opinion of the G UW chairpersons.

[Check the list of employers that explore slave work in Brazil](#)

G UW releases campaign for clandestine immigrants

G UW (General Union of Workers) with the support of **CAMI (Center of Support to the Immigrant)** will release a campaign to clear out and support immigrants that are in Brazil illegally. This initiative is based on the Law 11.961/09, signed by the president **Luíz Inácio Lula da Silva**.

The law authorizes the provisory residence in Brazil for all of those that were living here irregularly until February, 1, of this year. One of the actions of the campaign will be the distribution of an illustrated booklet that will orientate the immigrants that want to regulate their permanence in the national territory. The information is from the **National Secretary of the Public Policies Department of G UW, Valdir Vicente de Barros**.



Our department doesn't dispose of statistic data on the number of immigrants that live illegally in Brazil. However, based on a survey of Conare (National Committee for Refugees) done in 2005, the estimation is that at least 200 thousand immigrant are in Brazilian territory under an illegal situation.

The law establishes that those who might request provisory residence are the foreigners that, having entered Brazil until February, 1, 2009, might remain under an irregular migratory situation. The Justice Ministry will issue a CIE (a Foreigner ID card) valid for two years. By the end of this period the immigrant might request their change into permanent residents, since they prove to be performing a legal profession or if they have possessions enough to provide their own and their family.

[Read the law 11.961/09 in full](#)

National Action Day: The meeting took place in the G UW headquarter



The union centrals and the Brazilian social movements will nurture on August, 14, in all the Brazilian states, the **Unified National Action Day**, in defense of the legitimate rights of the workers. In São Paulo the act will take place at the Av. Paulista, around the number 1.374, the preparation will start after 10 A.M.

In order to deal with its organization, chairpersons from UGT, CGTB, Conlutas, Força Sindical, CUT, Intersindical, Conlute, CTB, NCST, Assembléia Popular, Cebrapaz, CMB, CMS, Conam, FDIM, Marcha Mundial de Mulheres, MST, MTL, MTST, OCLAE, UBES, UBM, UNE, Unegro/Conen, Via Campesina and Central de Movimentos Populares were together at the **G UW (General Union of Workers)** auditorium.

Elections of the Union of Bank Workers of Franca

Slate 1 is elected with 97,70% of the votes. **The Union of Bank Workers of Franca and Surroundings**, an institution affiliated with G UW, had an election, which vote counting ended on July, 17. In the end, the Slate 1, currently led by the president **Edson Roberto dos Santos** (in the picture), was reelected with 97,70% of the votes.



The vote counting was accompanied by the Regional Manager of Labour and Employment of Franca, Jamil José Leonardi, and also counted on the presence of the State Deputy Gilson de Souza. The elected director board inaugurates in January, 2010, for a 4 years tenure.

Education asks for help

Teachers from Private Schools keep on working not respecting **the Collective Labour Agreement** - Since March (data-base of the class), teachers from private schools of Paraná are not working under the Colective Labour Agreement and therefore, they are helpless.



According to the president of the **Union of Teachers of Paraná (Sinpropar)**, **Sérgio Gonçalves Lima** (in the picture), the Union of Private Establishments Studies-Related of Paraná (Sinepe-PR) doesn't even want to ensure a 1% raise plus the inflation of 6,25%. According to Lima, the employers institution is pleading that schools are going through a period of financial difficulties. "However, it's not what data and statistics are showing", emphasizes Lima.



"The **General Union of Workers (G UW)** 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. " **Ricardo Patah – UGT's President**

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