



Sindicato dos Metroviários de São Paulo

Rehire The 42 SP Metro Workers campaign / International Edition 1 / July 1st 2014 - Brazil

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#REHIRE THE 42 SP METRO WORKERS!



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Brothers and sisters,

São Paulo metro workers want to thank you for the extraordinary international support you've given us.

We went on strike for 5 days, from June 5th to June 9th. Along this period we faced many challenges. The governor of São Paulo sent the riot police into metro stations to beat and arrest picket-liners.

The courts sentenced the strike "abusive", which is the equivalent for illegal and blocked trade-union bank accounts in order to charge a penalty of R\$ 900,000 reais (equivalent for US\$ 400,000). Forty-two workers were fired without any rights.

Currently the metro workers union carries out a campaign to rehire the 42 workers.

Transport workers faces the same challenges across the world: biased media, police brutality, unfair lawsuits, pro-business governments behind which are big corporations like Siemens, Alstom, Mitsui,

Bombardier, CAF that act as agents/profiteers of corruption across the world.

São Paulo metro workers are committed to international solidarity. After the strike we sent a delegation to the French consulate in São Paulo to express our solidarity to the French rail workers on strike. Last June 25th our general assembly passed a motion in solidarity to Baviera transport workers.

Once again, we are making a call for international solidarity in order to rehire the 42 fired metro workers.

All solidarity will be warmly welcomed, be it a motion, a picture with a poster, a delegation to Brazilian diplomatic representations or funding to keep the 42 workers with means for living.

In solidarity,



Altino de Melo Prazeres
President

Send your contributions to:



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A HISTÓRIA

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Metro workers demonstrated in downtown São Paulo prior to the strike



Workers address the strike in their workplace



Alliance with all labor federations and social movement support for the strike

C STRIKE!



Democratic daily
2,000-strong
assemblies decide on
strike continuity



Metro workers support free transport



Corrupt deals between Metro company and
big corporations addressed by union officials



Courts criminalize the strike
and set a R\$ 900,000 (US\$
400,000) fine blocking union
funds

Images by Midia Ninja



movements is critical to build



Riot Police beats
and arrests
strikers inside
Ana Rosa metro
station in June 6th
and 9th





Forty two workers unfairly dismissed

The Need For International Solidarity!

Labor and the oppressed are under attack across the world. An injury to one is an injury to all. Together we will be able to challenge big corporations, pro-business

administrations, police brutality, unfair court sentences, and build a fair and egalitarian perspective for labor and the oppressed internationally. **Solidarity Forever!!!**

Herculano Falcão/Metro Workers Union



Assembly of metro workers pass a motion in solidarity to Baviera transport workers

Gabriela Hippolito



French diplomat in São Paulo gets motions from Metro workers union and CSP-Conlutas in solidarity to railway workers on strike