



WE PROTEST THE ATTACKS ON DEYVID BACELAR COORDINATOR OF THE UNIFIED FEDERATION OF OIL WORKERS IN SAO FRANCISCO DO CONDE, BAHIA, BRAZIL

We express our disapproval of the persecution that Petrobras has been carrying out against Deyvid Bacelar, current Coordinator at the Unified Federation of Oil Workers - FUP, in São Francisco do Conde, Bahia.

The workers had been on strike at a refinery known as RLAM a part of Petrobras which is being sold to the sovereign fund of the United Arab Emirates. Mr. Bacelar was given a suspension from his job for taking part in the strike. This suspension of a Union leader is a threat to this important union and contrary to the rights of management under Brazilian labor law.

The union movement has been enduring successive attacks since the 2016 coup that led Michel Temer to presidency. The government's interest in weakening workers' representation and marginalizing union actions is clear.

Workers did not expect any improvement in workers' rights advocates' relations during the current government, but the scenario of oppression against work against Deyvid Bacelar, is comparable to the horrific period of the military dictatorship. Union action is a legitimate right of all workers. Workers will not be silenced.

Deyvid Bacelar and the union workers are fighting to improve the lives of all and in the face of deteriorating conditions brought on by Petrobras being sold off to private entities.

We call on Petrobras and all other institutions concerned to respect labor rights, end the attacks on Deyvid Bacelar, lift the suspension and end the attacks on the labor movement.

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