

CTB: 150,000 people took to the streets for rights, for Temer to resign and demanding Direct Elections Now



About 150,000 male and female workers from all over Brazil occupied the Esplanade of Ministries in Brasilia, this Wednesday (24), against labor and social security reforms and demanding the end of Temer's government.

The participation surpassed all expectations and revealed the energetic rejection of the Brazilian people to the government's reactionary agenda. It was a historical pronouncement in defence of social rights and democracy.

Provokers hired by the right-wing and the Military Police acted to disperse the crowd, launching tear gas on the demonstrators.

The illegitimate president released a decree authorizing the armed forces to repress demonstrations. The union movement and the workers' class will not be intimidated.

The 9th working class march, organized in a unified way by the trade unions, was the greatest manifestation ever seen in Brasilia and reflects not only the workers' capacity of struggle throughout Brazil, but, above all, the dissatisfaction of society with everything that comes from that illegitimate government.

The fight continues. The trade union centrals are united and must convene a new general strike to stop the neoliberal retrocession. The dominant classes maneuver to pass the bills and replace Temer through indirect elections that would maintain in government a politician committed to the neoliberal backlash. We're not going to accept this. The sovereignty has to be given back to the people so they can decide about Brazil's destiny.

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