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## UGT's State branch of Rio Grande do Sul demands harsh punishment of Vale



■ UGT expresses solidarity with the families of workers and residents affected by this tragedy and is committed to fight for justice and fair penalization of those responsible for another criminal act against the lives of workers and communities.

Vale do Rio Doce is responsible for another criminal disaster in Minas Gerais. The tragedy could have

been avoided with maintenance, investments in security and surveillance items. Especially if the company is recidivist and had lived experience in the accident of Mariana/Bento Ribeiro, which took place on November 5, 2015. The punishment already demanded of Vale, therefore, must be harsh. The victims of the company's dam rupture, in Mariana, still cry for justice and fight against the judicial maneuvers of the company to receive their compensation. In the replay of the events, now in Brumadinho, the occurrence of the greatest work accident in the history of the planet.

The full text can be reached at UGT's website.

## Congressmen members of UGT take office in Brasilia

■ On February 01, in solemn session at the Ulysses Guimarães Plenary, the 513 elected and re-elected congressmen took office, among them Valdevan Noventa (PSC party), Roberto de Lucena (Podemos) and Luiz Carlos Motta (PR), which are unionists affiliated with UGT.

As legitimate representatives of UGT, these parliamentarians will work in Brasilia in defense of the interests of the working class.

Luiz Carlos Motta and Roberto de Lucena were elected in the State of São Paulo, the largest electoral college in the country, which is very important because it means that the workers recognized the work develop-

ped by them. Mr. Noventa was elected by the state of Sergipe, showing the strength he has in his hometown and how much the local population relies on his actions, mainly because Valdevan is president of the largest Union of Drivers and Fare Collectors of Brazil



## President of UGT's State branch of Amazonas proposes policies to create jobs in a Coemp meeting

■ On January 31, Antonio Mardonio, president of UGT's State branch of Amazonas (UGT-AM), attended the first meeting of the State Employment Commission (Coemp-AM) of 2019, which brought together members of this commission. The meeting took place at 10 A.M. at the head office of the Labor Department of Amazonas (Setrab).

The president of UGT-AM said that this institution values the discussions in the spaces of social dialogue, and the Employment and Income Committee is an indispensable forum for important discussions on the issue of workers. "We are proposing policies of qualification and job creation for our people of the State of Amazo-

nas," Mardonio emphasized. The topics discussed at the meeting were: presentation of the Executive and Technical Staff of SETRAB-AM, in view of the new Government of the State of Amazonas; presentation of new members in the commission and/or substitution; reading and approval of the meeting minute of December 2018; presentation of the progress of the transformation of the commission into board to comply with the law; and other issues.



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## UNICOM deals social dialogue in Mercosur



■ Building Social Dialogue in Mercosur in the trade sector was the theme of a meeting between Ricardo Patah, president of the Commerce Workers Union of São Paulo, and Rubens Medrano, representative of the Brazilian business sector at Mercosur's Consultative, Economic and Social Forum, together with Rubens Cortina, secretary of the Confederation of Trade Unions of Mercosur (Unicom).

The meeting took place on February 4 in São Paulo, at the Commerce Workers Union of São Paulo head office. The meeting was also attended by Eliezer Pedrosa, Secretary of International Affairs of Contracs and Avelino Garcia, a member of the board of Unicom.

## Vice-governor of Paraná receives the visit of trade union officers to talk about social dialogue in Mercosur



■ Union leaders of UGT, the president of the Uni Global Union (UNI) and representatives of the Confederation of Trade Unions of Mercosur (UNICOM) attended a meeting with Darci Piana (PSD party) deputy governor of Paraná.

The meeting was attended by Ricardo Patah, national president of UGT, Ruben Cortina, president of UNI, Leocides Fornazza, Léo, vice-president of UNICOM, Paulo Rossi, president of UGT-Paraná and Avelino Garcia, member of UNICOM.

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## UGT's State branch of Tocantins has new president



■ On January 30, UGT's State branch of Tocantins (UGT-TO), through an Ordinary Congress that was attended by unionists affiliated with unions of several categories, which are members of Central Sindical, elected its new board of directors. This institution was presided by Célio Mascarenhas, who was in charge of the institution for two terms.

Célio led this organization through a collegial system during two terms. During this period, UGT-TO participated in important events, such as

strikes of diverse categories and discussions regarding the Labor and Social Security Reforms that are being carried out in Brasília.

While addressing to unionists, the former president Célio Mascarenhas emphasized the importance of each of those that were part of his administration, thanked everyone and wished success to the new president, Marco Gomes. "As I had told all our unionists, workers and friends that at the end of the term, I would leave the vacancy so that a new board could be formed, I am very happy to fulfill my duty, I am passing the command of UGT Tocantins to the new President Gomes," he said, concluding: "I will continue to contribute to UGT in every way I can".

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## IV Congress of the West Section of UGT's State branch of Paraná reelects Toninho, the Gas Station Attendant



■ The unionist Antonio Vieira Martins, aka Toninho, the Gas Station Attendant, was unanimously reelected to preside the West Section of UGT-Paraná.

The election took place during the IV Regional Congress of the Western Region, on February 8, in Cascavel (PR). The event was attended by union leaders from several

categories of the cities that make up the West Section of Paraná. The participants were able to follow the lectures: "The responsibilities of the Labor Department in the new governmental structure", given by , Joaquim Júnior Borges Ribeiro, regional manager of the Labor Department of the Ministry of Economy; "Labor and Social Security Reforms, both Public and Private," presented by Elcir Zen, Labor and Social Security Attorney; and "The actions of the trade union movement in the face of the new political reality", presented by Paulo Rossi president of UGT-Paraná.

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